

So, we finally get to **ETHICAL HUMANISM**. When I joined the Movement we were Ethical Culture/Ethical Humanism. Ethical Culture was the name of the historic movement and Ethical Humanism a description of the intellectual evolution of the Movement. Within the very basic interpretation of Humanism offered above we can include our entire history as we define our Ethical Humanist corner of Humanism. Adler's thought was founded in the supersensible and ideal but it was also visionary in its respect for individual worth and for the human basis of his spiritual, ethical universe. Without the idea of the supersensible that is a good description of the humanistic understanding of human life as a struggle of self expression in the interactive ethical, relational, cultural experience of living.

That designation of Ethical Humanism states our place in Humanism. While we accept that we enter life through a human perspective, it is an ethical journey. We are not about searching for absolute Truth but about making the best out of the variety of life in which we live.

To put it in Adlerian terms with a Pragmatist, Process twist: human beings participate in building a world and that process is an act of personal expression. It is an evolving fluid world of attitudes, tastes, judgments, values; including feelings about good and bad and of love and hate. Our choices are creative acts. As each human expresses their deepest feelings and thoughts in action, they create themselves and they help create our human world which is actually the natural world taking conscious form as it is filtered through a universe of spiritual beings interacting in disharmony. It is all interrelated and it depends on the near-infinite number of individuals. The ethical culture we strive for is one in which each of the individuals is encouraged to express what is best in them.

Reference, appendix, page 11-12