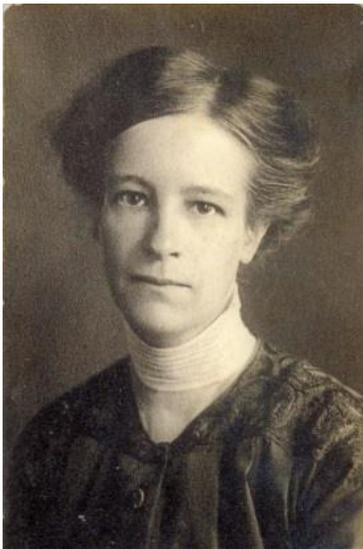


Who was Elisabeth Vreede?

Elisabeth Vreede was born in 1879 in The Hague (the Netherlands). She was a member of the first management group of the general Anthroposophical Society, assistant to Rudolf Steiner, and as an astronomer she was the first head of the Department of Mathematics–Astronomy of the School for Spiritual Science. She died in 1943 in Ascona (Switzerland).

The Elisabeth Vreede Institute appreciates her pioneering work and wants to continue it.



Elisabeth Vreede (1879–1943)

Would you like to know more, or participate?

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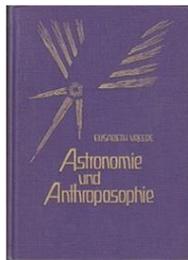


Objectives

The institute wants to continue the anthroposophical work of Elisabeth Vreede on astronomy, building on a threefold foundation:

1 – The Elisabeth Vreede Institute carries out research into anthroposophically oriented astronomy and spreads knowledge about this subject. The collected works of Rudolf Steiner, publications of Elisabeth Vreede, and astronomical observations serve as the main basis for the work. The research methods are based on spiritual science (anthroposophy) on the one hand and, on the other hand on natural science, however from the viewpoint of the insight in human knowledge as described by Rudolf Steiner in his book “Observation and Thinking” (GA 2). It is important to note that astronomy could be the first scientific field to be spiritualised, according to Rudolf Steiner.

2 – The institute supports proper management and careful disclosure of what Elisabeth Vreede has left behind and its use in



research. This includes the eventual publication of her written work, looking into possibilities for (co-)managing the Vreede Archive and striving to involve the observatory that she has built up in Dornach in research.

3 – The Institute strives to play a central role in bringing together global initiatives and to take initiatives in the aforementioned fields. Work for volunteers is organised, and financial support is sought, especially for larger projects. The Elisabeth Vreede Institute wants to work on themes that appeal to modern man and wants to help to counterbalance the prevailing theories in the field of astronomy. Cooperation between people is important, as well as collaboration with other institutions. The institute as a social organism strives to structure its organisation based on the social three-folding as described by Rudolf Steiner.

Several activities have already started within the framework of the institute, such as the translation into Dutch of the astronomical letters that Elisabeth Vreede wrote from 1927 to 1930 (published in German in 1954 and 1980 as ‘Astronomie und Anthroposophie’, and in English in 2001); making an inventory of the legacy of Elisabeth Vreede; and astronomical research into planet orbits in lemniscate form.

There is much more to be done, though: investigating the specific relationship between man and the cosmos; contribute to a proper care of Elisabeth Vreede’s legacy; and giving society a spiritendowed vision of the relation of man with the world and of the earth with the cosmos. For this, Rudolf Steiner's anthroposophy has given us the



necessary knowledge tools and Elisabeth Vreede has courageously set the first steps on this road – let us continue her work.

Vision

It is the vision of the Elisabeth Vreede Institute that in view of the current problems in society, the human being needs to be put into the centre. He is part of the natural and of the spiritual world. It can lead to more insight in the causes of many problems, when on the basis of anthroposophy, conscious and clear thinking will arise about how the spirit specifically works in the cosmos, the human being and the earth. Mediating between extremes can so be enhanced, and instead

of polarisation and fear, dialogue, healing and trust can arise.



Rudolf Steiner
(1861 – 1925)