

surfaces in the Van de Vijssel family. Yes, by Jove! Greta was a cousin through her aunt! Now I become interested in the guest book of the family Heijbroek again! Who else is mentioned?

All in all however: no conclusive evidence, but a lot of leads. Maybe dating the horoscope is best done through the horoscope itself? Better said: horoscopes, in plural. Mondrian had, in fact, two prepared. First he asked for a 'trial horoscope'. It is numbered 1422 – Adriaan apparently was a productive and experienced astrologist. He had skilled himself in the new type of astrology, developed foremost in theosophical circles, which system is now commonly used in the Western world. Jutta Lehmann wrote a dissertation on it in 1998.

The trial horoscope is, by nature, brief. It only provides a short description of Mondrian's most important elements: sun sign (Pisces), rising sign (Aquarius) and moon sign (Aquarius). Adriaan called the relationship between sun and moon 'the polarity' – a term Mondrian would use profusely in his abstract art.

The synthesis of the influence of Sun in Pisces and the Moon in Aquarius, representative of your individual and personal characteristics, shows love for nature in its most basic appearance, and at the same time your typical reserve and inclination to come into contact with the unseen. It shows views which are generally regarded as 'strange'.

Your longings and wishes are strong and will often be satisfied. You will soon make friends, move easily among men and you will only be happy in a publicly oriented life, where you can mingle among people.

A love of nature but then in its simplest form, an inclination to the occult and 'strange' views. It is as if here Mondrian's abstraction and his position in modern art is predicted. And it also contains the reason, why Mondrian must have felt that moving swiftly to the hustle and bustle of Paris would be of advantage to his career.

The trial horoscope was essentially a prognosis. I did not expect such a prognosis, because this is not the 'normal' procedure in astrology. People are foremost interested in a character description, based on a birth horoscope. In Mondrian's case, it was the other way round. The short version tickled him to buy a complete birth horoscope for 3 guilders. This one must have been