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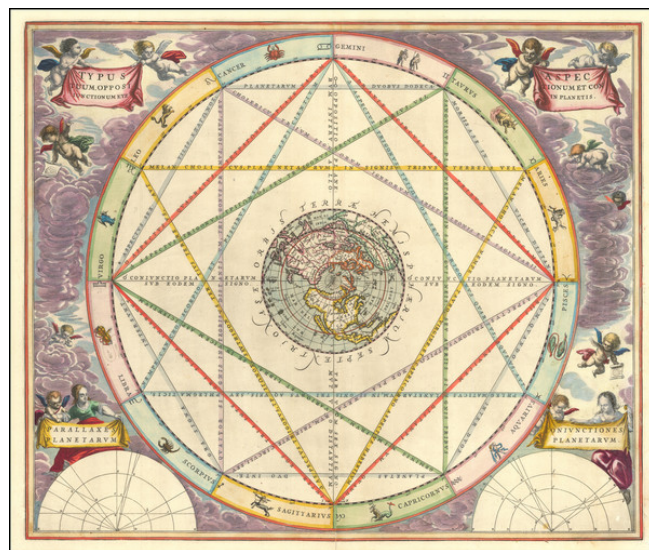
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Stock#: 88887
Map Maker: Cellarius
Date: 1661
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20.5 x 17 inches
Price: \$ 1,900.00



Description:

Striking celestial chart by Andreas Cellarius, with a map of the northern hemisphere at the center, the signs of the zodiac in a surrounding band, and winged cherubim in the ether beyond.

The chart illustrates the relative importance of astrology, even in the latter part of the 17th century, showing the primary astrological signs in the border of the central diagram, with a network of lines delineating various relationships between the signs and the four humors.

The chart combines a particularly complicated series of relationships between the four planets. The map shows sextile, quadrile, trigonal, conjunctive, and oppositional lines. These lines crisscross the map, and when they are aligned with particular planets, they can be used to infer astrological meaning. For example, when planets align with the trigonal yellow line, that is, the line that connects the "fiery" signs of Leo, Sagittarius, and Ares, choleric implications result.

The two inset charts at the lower left show the implications of parallax, that is, the observer's position when measuring the angle of the planets. This is important when considering heliocentric rather than geocentric points of view, as the observer's position will influence the angle the stars appear to be in.

The map centers on an attractive polar projection of the Northern Hemisphere. California is shown as an island, and New Albion extends almost to Asia. Japan is shown with a single main island, Button's Bay appears north of Hudson's Bay, and the Colorado River is sourced from a single lake. A strange "R. del Nova" appears very close to the exact latitude of San Francisco. "N. England", "Florida", and



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"Newfoundland" are all named.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Professional repair to small separation at the centerfold.