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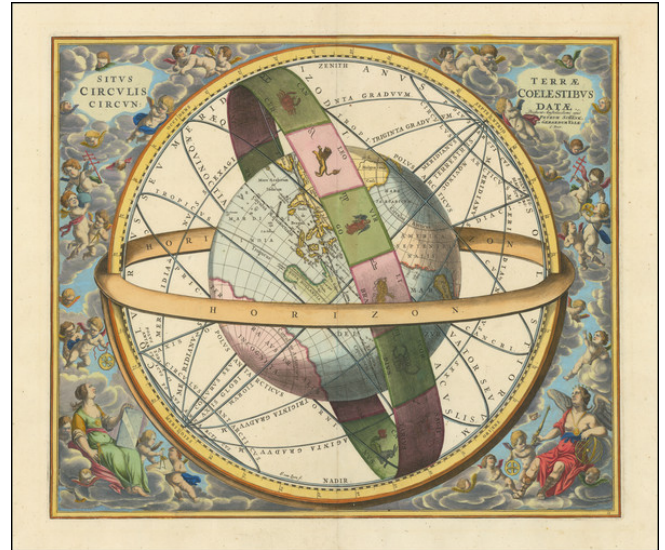
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[The Ptolemaic Universe] Situs Terrae Circulis Coelestibus Circundatae . . .

Stock#: 101512
Map Maker: Cellarius
Date: 1708
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 17 inches
Price: \$ 2,800.00



Description:

Striking example of this decorative celestial chart, showing a Ptolemaic model of the Universe, with the earth in its relation to the plane of the ecliptic, from the 1708 Valk & Schenk edition of Andreas Cellarius' *Harmonia Macrocosmica seu Atlas Universalis et Novus*.

The map is centered on Australia and the Pacific and extends to the Indian Ocean in the West and California as an Island in the East. The map also shows the zodiac band and horizon lines.

Andreas Cellarius *Harmonia Macrocosmica* (first published in 1660) is generally regarded as one of the most spectacular cosmographical atlases that was published in the second half of the seventeenth century. The atlas was published in 1660 and 1661 by the Amsterdam publisher Johannes Janssonius (1588-1664), as a cosmographical supplement to his *Atlas Novus*. Andreas Cellarius had already started working on this atlas before 1647 and intended it to be a historical introduction for a two-volume treatise on cosmography but the second part was never published.

The plates of his *Harmonia Macrocosmica* were reprinted (without the Latin commentary) in 1708 by the Amsterdam publishers Gerard Valk (1651-1726) and Peter Schenk (1660-1711).

Detailed Condition: