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Asia (Korea as an Island)

Stock#: 97996
Map Maker: Beer
Date: 1678
Place: Nuremberg
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 5 x 4 inches
Price: \$ 175.00



Description:

Scarce miniature map of Asia, from the exceedingly rare Nurmberg edition of DuVal's *La Geographie Universelle*, first published in Paris in 1660.

The map includes a number of unusual cartographic myths and inaccuracies:

- Korea is shown as an island.
- Very unusual configuration for Japan
- Terra di Iesso is shown with an unusal D. de Iesso (Strait of Iesso).
- Oddly shaped Philippine Islands
- Mare de Kilan (Caspian Sea -- A reference to the Gilan Province in Persia. The name dates to antiquity. It is mentioned as early as the 5th century BCE in Herodotus' writings under the name "Gelae." By the 1st century CE, it had come under Parthian influence, eventually being integrated into the Sassanian Empire in the 3rd century CE. Gilan remained a part of successive Persian empires, including the Islamic Caliphate's annexation in the 7th century CE and later incorporation into the Seljuk Empire in the 11th century. In the 16th century, Gilan became a geopolitical chessboard for Safavid Persia and the Russian Tsardom.

Detailed Condition: