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Nova Totius Terrarum Orbis Tabula . . . 1660

Stock#: 100548
Map Maker: De Wit
Date: 1660
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 17.5 inches
Price: \$ 14,500.00



Description:

Frederick De Wit's First World Map!

Striking example of Frederick De Wit's first map of the World, which was engraved for Hendrik Doncker's *De Zee-Atlas ofte Water-Wereld*.

For his first World map, De Wit draws on the cartographic features of Johannes Blaeu's Wall map of 1648. This is one of the very few maps to which De Wit adds a date. California is shown as an island, with no information given in the Northwest Part of America and no signs of the Great Lakes. South America is oversized and wide.

Only a single coastline is shown for New Zealand, while the discoveries of Tasman and others are reflected in the depiction of Australia. Korea is correctly shown as a peninsula, although Borneo and the Philippines are curiously configured.

The space between the hemispheres is richly adorned with celestial spheres, north and south polar projections, and astronomical diagrams. Representations of the four elements (air, water, fire and land) are shown, with the remaining areas embellished with garlands of fruits and flowers.

The map is dated in the lower neatlines, to the right of the centerfold.

This is the rarest of De Wit's maps and possibly the most decorative.



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