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Novus Orbis potius Altera Continens Atlantis Insula a Nicaloa Sanson Antiquitati Restituta . . . 1741 (America as the lost continent of Atlantis!)

Stock#: 41120jc
Map Maker: Sanson / Tipografia del Seminario
Date: 1670 circa (1741)
Place: Padua
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 22 x 16.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Italian edition of Nicholas Sanson's fascinating map purporting to show America and the mythical continent of Atlantis, showing the Western Hemisphere about 200,000 years ago before the earliest human civilizations.

The map reflects the populating of the lost continent of Atlantis in the 17th Century. The map shows the divisions of the land masses, as divided by the god Neptune, among his ten sons.

Thule island is shown, which at the time was believed to be the source of Nordic races, based upon the work of Heinrich Schliemann. Schliemann had taken Homer's Iliad and Odyssey and their accounts of the Trojan Wars to be literal truth. He then discovered ancient Troy in Asia Minor.

Atlantis was first described by Plato about 400 B.C. Over the next 2300 years, many other scholars and pseudo intellects championed various elements of the legend. Among the more fantastic modern theories include those who believe that Atlantis is an island in a lake in Bolivia, a part of the Hollow Earth Theory, the site of a visit by Astronauts prior to the birth of Christ and other fantastic theories.

The map shows the cartographic knowledge of the Western World as of the middle of the 17th Century, with California shown as an island, the Dutch discoveries in Australia and New Zealand and the style mythical / conjectural configurations of Alaska, Japan and the lands between.

First issued by Sanson circa 1670, this edition is the second Italian edition, following the first edition of 1694, distinguishable by the dates on the maps.



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In this final edition, the title is changed, adding *Novus Orbis potius Altera Continens sive...*, and the text and mountain ranges are re-engraved.

This is the first time we have ever seen this map for sale.

Detailed Condition: