Asiae Novissima Tabula

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Map Maker: de Jode

Date: 1578
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13.5 x 17.5 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

A fine example of the rare first edition of Gerard De Jode's map of Asia, which was both separately issued and included in his highly valuable *Speculum Orbis Terrae.*

Southeast Asia

The map shows one of the earliest obtainable depictions of the Philippines, which are not yet collectively named, although many individual islands are named. De Jode's map predates Ortelius's map of China (1584) and Kaerius's map of the Philippines (1598).

Singapore is labelled "Cinapura"

East Asia

There is no sign of Korea and the shape of Japan is quite unusual.

There are a profusion of placenames in China, for instance Canton is labelled.

North America

The Straits of Anian separate America from Asia, with a wide open Northeast Passage extending toward the *Mare Cronium quod Amachium vocant.* The map features a large conjectural land mass roughly reflecting Alaska -- it includes the mythical towns of Tucano, Quivira, and Tiguex.

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Rarity

This map of Asia is particularly rare because it appears only as a separately published map and in the very rare first edition of the *Speculum*. De Jode describes this map as new, as he extended the map westward from Ortelius' delineation to include Persia and Arabia. This is one of the earliest works to delineate the Northwest Coast of America.

The map was engraved by Joannes and Lucas Van Deutecum.

Gerard De Jode was a contemporary of Abraham Ortelius. His *Speculum Orbis* did not enjoy the same commercial success as Ortelius, making his maps very scarce and highly desireable.

Detailed Condition: