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## Chart of the World Shewing the Religion, Population and Civilization of Each Country

**Stock#:** 56112  
**Map Maker:** Wyld  
**Date:** 1818  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 30 x 19.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

***Cannibalism and Conversos: ". . . For young people in particular it will be found highly instructing and entertaining. " (Leigh's).***

Large separately published chart of the world, focusing on the Religion, Population and Civilization of each Country, published by James Wyld in London in 1818.

The map provides sweeping image of the world, subdivided into ethnic regions, colored by "The Principal Regions, with the presumed number of their Followers."

West of the Coast of Spain, a note appears:

*There are among the Spaniards and Portuguese a number of Moors and converted Jews (at least in appearance).*

Below the Aleutian Islands, the following note appears:

*Among many American tribes there are neither temples nor idol nor any external form of worship, Some worship the sun as a principal divinity, and some honour the moon under the title of mother. To evil deities they present offerings, and sometimes sacrifice slaves and prisoners, to avert their displeasure.*



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The map also includes numerous smaller notes around the map, including the following note north of Hawaii:

*It is probable, that this barbarous (sic) custom of offering human victims, prevails in all, or most of the Islands in the Pacific Ocean.*

In the South Pacific, east of New Zealand, the following note appears:

*It is highly probable, that the practice of feeding on the bodies of enemies was originally prevalent in all the Islands of the Pacific Ocean, though it is not known, by positive and decisive evidence, to exist in any of them, except New Zealand.*

To the west of South Africa, the following note appears:

*The chief worship of the Jagas consists in frequent sacrifices of human victims, particularly children.*

To the east of Labrador, the following note appears:

*Esquimaux or Iskimo, is said to imply an eater of raw flesh.*

The following quote appears describing the map in *Leigh's New Picture of London; or, A view of the Political, Religious Medical, Literary, Municipal, Commercial and Moral State of the British Metropolis*:

*This valuable Chart well deserves a place in every library; for young people in particular it will be found highly instructing and entertaining.*

**Rarity**

The map is quite rare. This would appear to be the second state of the map, first published in 1815, with a



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third state issued in 1820.

We locate 1 example of the 1815 and 1 example of the 1820 in OCLC (British Library). No examples of the 1818 map were located.

**Detailed Condition:**

Minor toning at folds and some minor restoration of tears along the folds. Some archival tape along the front of one fold.