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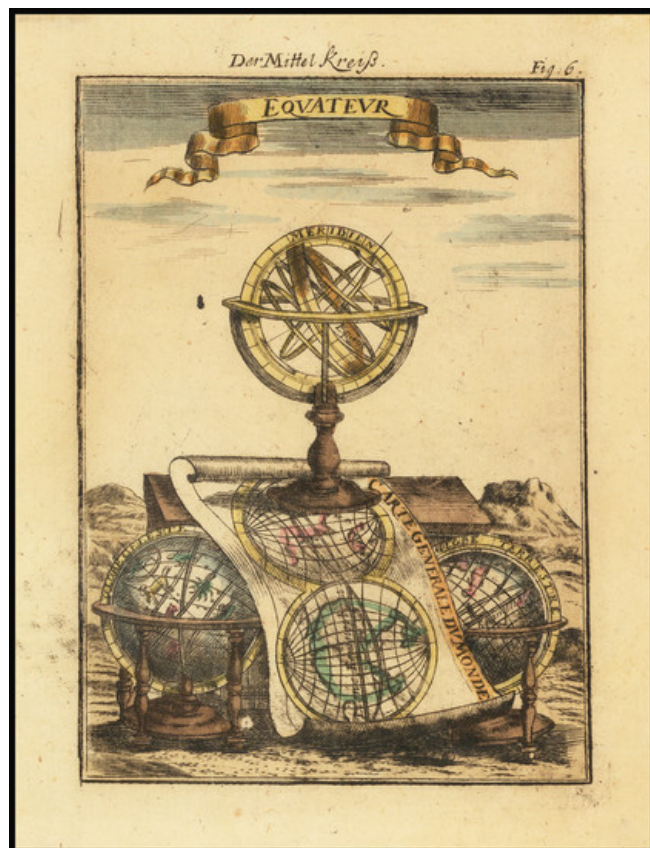
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Description:

This image is from the German edition of Mallet's *Description de L'Univers, Beschreibung des Ganzen Welt Kreiss*, a text which details the many ways in which the universe can be studied, and what scholars knew about it at the time. This image, Figure 6 in the work, shows the position of an equator on a globe, along with several other images of globular cartography.

The centerpiece of the figure is an armillary sphere, also known as a spherical astrolabe. This instrument shows the equinoctial, ecliptic, and tropical lines. The Meridian is labeled in the image. The sphere stands atop a Nicolosi globular world map, showing what can be guessed as Eurasia and Africa in green and the Americas in pink. Aside it are a celestial globe, showing the constellations, and a terrestrial globe. The theme in all of these images is the equator (or, the "middle line"), as named atop this work.

This appears in a section of Mallet's *Beschreibung des Ganzen Welt Kreiss* which details the important lines of the earth and instructs the reader on the proper use of an armillary sphere. This image acts as a



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nice visual summary of the points Mallet had already discussed in the text.

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