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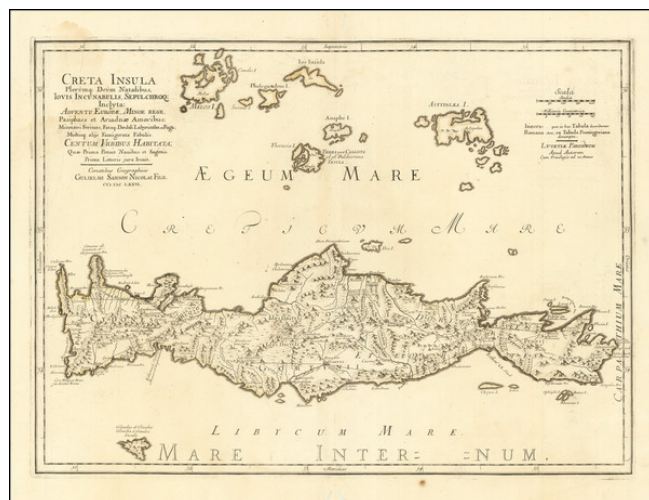
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Stock#: 82040
Map Maker: Sanson fils
Date: 1677
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 21.5 x 15.5 inches
Price: \$ 450.00



Description:

Ancient Crete and Its Greek Mythology

Scarce map of the Island of Crete, celebrating the many mythical gods and creatures whose stories are part of the Island's history.

The map includes Roman Roads including those referenced in the Peutinger Table, a medieval manuscript map describing Roman roads.

The title loosely translates as:

The Island of Crete, The God of Nativity, of Jupiter's cradles and graves: with the advent of Europe, Minos and Rhea; the love of Pasiphae and Ariadne; With the ferocity of the Minotaur, and the fate of Daedalus Labyrinthus and Fuga; And many other infamous fables. Inhabited by a hundred cities; Which was the first to be satisfied with the ships, the first to join the law of the letter.

A fine depiction of Greece during Roman times, with mythical Greek gods referenced, including:

- Jupiter



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- Minos (King of Crete, son of Zeus and Europa)
- Pasiphae (Queen of Crete and goddess of witchcraft and sorcery)
- Rhea (Titaness daughter of the earth goddess Gaia and the sky god Uranus)
- Ariadne (Cretan princess in Greek mythology associated with Labyrinths and Mazes)
- The Minotaur was a monster, half-bull and half-human, who lived in the Labyrinth
- Daedalus (father of Icarus) was a skillful architect and craftsman, seen as a symbol of wisdom, knowledge and power

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling.