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### L'Asie Dressée Sur de nouveaux Mémoires Assujetis aux observations Astronomique Corrigée et Augmentée

**Stock#:** 94461  
**Map Maker:** Desnos / Danet  
**Date:** 1766  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 28 x 19 inches  
**Price:** \$ 2,800.00



#### Description:

Striking example of the 1766 edition of Guillaume Danet.

The map is a rich tapestry of scientific observations combined with period artistry.

The map is surrounded by a collection of colorful coats of arms, each representing a different Asian state or country. This extensive use of heraldic emblems underlines the intricate political landscape of the era. The viewer's gaze is then guided towards the heart of the map, where a decorative cartouche captures attention. Mercury, the Roman god of travelers, points towards the French coat of arms, potentially symbolizing the aspirations of French explorers during this period. Asia is personified as a robed woman, holding a scepter topped by a crescent moon, an allegory of the continent's exoticism. An elephant's head and a camel enrich the tableau, embodying the diverse fauna native to Asia.

Of geographical interest is the Sea of Korea, or Mer de Coree, given its contemporary nomenclature disputes. The map also highlights regions like Compagnie Land and Yesso, territories considered partially known or even mythical during the 18th century.

Moving to the northeastern region, a cryptic note suggests an intriguing relationship between the indigenous island inhabitants and the Russian Empire: "Les Habitans de cette Isle payent contribution aux Moscovites en Peltereries." This relationship, however, remains as elusive as the true identity of this island, adding a layer of mystery to the map.

Notably, west of this island, the map introduces an area identified as Tzchalatski, with inhabitants



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described as "alliez des Tzukischi et aussi ferores." These names, potentially referring to indigenous groups of northeast Asia, provide insights into the perceived social and political dynamics of the time. The Tzchalatski, described as allies and equally as fierce as the Tzukischi, hint at regional alliances or shared cultural traits. Immediately to the south, the Tzukischi are described as a warrior-like nation with a striking note: when taken as prisoners, they supposedly kill themselves. While this depiction provides a glimpse of these groups' character as perceived by the map creators, it likely reflects more the biases and cultural disconnect of the period rather than the complex realities of these groups.

In its entirety, this antique map serves as a window into an 18th-century worldview, merging political, cultural, and natural features into a unified narrative. Beyond its geographical delineations, it weaves a captivating story of exploration, discovery, and the attempt to comprehend the world's richness, standing as a testament to the human pursuit of knowledge and the spirit of the times.

**Rarity / States of the Map**

The map was first issued by Danet in 1731 and later revised by Desnos, at which time he significantly revised the cartographic details. This Desnos edition of the map is quite rare on the market..

**Detailed Condition:**