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## [First state! Ancient World] Typus Orbis A Ptol. Descriptus

**Stock#:** 94612  
**Map Maker:** Munster  
**Date:** 1540  
**Place:** Basel  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 13.5 x 10.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Fine example of Munster's map of the World, based upon the writings of Claudius Ptolemy, from the first edition of Sebastian Munster's *Geographia*.

At the advent of printing in the 15th Century, the geographical works of Ptolemy were at their highpoint. Virtually all of the printed maps in the late 15th and early 16th Century were based with varying degrees of accuracy on his works. By the middle of the 16th Century, contemporary cartography was moving on to more modern depictions of the world and its regions, but the teaching of Ptolemy were sufficiently important that they were incorporated into most general cartographic works for at least another 100 years.

This map by Munster features 12 windheads and other classic pre-Columbian beliefs about the known World.

### Detailed Condition: