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### Asiae Novissima Tabula

**Stock#:** 45822  
**Map Maker:** de Jode  
**Date:** 1578  
**Place:** Antwerp  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 13.5 x 17.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

A fine example of the rare first edition of De Jode's map of Asia, which was both separately issued and included in his *Speculum Orbis Terrae*.

The map shows one of the earliest obtainable depictions of the Philippines, which are not yet collectively named, although many individual islands are named, pre-dating Ortelius's map of China (1584) and Kaerius's map of the Philippines (1598).

Singapore is Cinapura. There is no sign of Korea and the shape of Japan is quite unusual. The Straits of Anian separate America from Asia, with a wide open Northeast Passage extending toward the *Mare Cronium quod Amachium vocant*.

This map of Asia is particularly rare because it appears only as a separately published map and in the very rare first edition of the *Speculum*. De Jode describes this map as new, as he extended the map westward from Ortelius' delineation to include Persia and Arabia. This is one of the earliest works to delineate the Northwest Coast of America.

The map was engraved by Joannes and Lucas Van Deutecum.

Gerard De Jode was a contemporary of Abraham Ortelius. His *Speculum Orbis* did not enjoy the same commercial success as Ortelius, making his maps very scarce and highly desirable.



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Minor soiling in blank margin at lower centerfold.