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### Il Cuscho Citta Principale Della Provincia Del Peru

**Stock#:** 37062  
**Map Maker:** Munster  
**Date:** 1560 circa  
**Place:** Basle  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 11.5 x 9 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

Early decorative birdseye view of Cusco, from a German edition of Munster's *Cosmographia*, one of the most influential geographical works of the 16th Century. One of the earliest obtainable views of the New World.

Munster's *Geographia* was a cartographic landmark, including not only Ptolemaic maps, but also a number of landmark modern maps, including the first separate maps of the 4 continents, the first map of England and the earliest obtainable map of Scandinavia. His subsequently issued *Cosmographia*, first issued in 1545, including city views and descriptions of many parts of the world.

Munster dominated cartographic publication during the mid-16th Century and is generally regarded as one of the most important map makers of the 16th Century. Munster was a linguist and mathematician, who initially taught Hebrew in Heidelberg. He issued his first mapping of Germany in 1529, after which he issued a call for geographical information about Germany to scholars throughout the country. The response was better than hoped for, and included substantial foreign material, which supplied him with up to date, if not necessarily accurate maps for the issuance of his *Geographia* in 1540.

A fine dark impression with wide margins.

#### Detailed Condition:

One tiny worm hold at the upper left part of image, below a cloud.