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[Title Page] De Praecipuis, Totius Universi Urbibus, Liber Secundus

Stock#: 22924
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1574
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 9 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking allegorical title page, from Volume 2 of Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*.

Designed as a companion to Ortelius' world atlas, Braun & Hogenberg's remarkable set of city plans and towns views ultimately grew to six volumes by 1617, including over 500 city plans and views. It was one of the most important and lavishly published publications ever undertaken and among the greatest achievements in the history of cartography. The *Civitates* was the world's first systematic city atlas. Its chief author was Georg Braun, canon of Cologne Cathedral, who gathered information from travellers, geographers and scholars throughout Europe and beyond. Franz Hogenberg, a friend and colleague of Mercator and



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Ortelius, was the main engraver, later succeeded by his son Abraham.

This titlepage is a fine example of cartographic illustration. At the top are figures representing Religion and Politics, placed on either side of Cybele, who is seated on a chariot drawn by lions. At the bottom of the stone entablature are the household gods Penates and Lares.

Detailed Condition: