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### A New and Accurat Map of the World Drawne according to ye truest Descriptions latest Discoveries & best observations yt have beene made by English or Strangers. 1651.

**Stock#:** 37060  
**Map Maker:** Speed  
**Date:** 1651  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 20.5 x 15.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

Gorgeous example of Speed's double hemisphere map of the World, one of the earliest obtainable world maps published in England.

Speed's map is based upon Grent's extremely rare map of the world published in London. The map is one of the earliest attainable world maps printed in English. The map shows California as an Island, an unusual NW Coast of America, conjectural Magellanica or The Southerne Unknowne Land and extraordinary early detail throughout the map. It is surrounded by smaller celestial hemispheres, figural representations of Water, Earthe, Aire and Fire, a number of celestial phenomena & portraits of early explorers. Includes several lengthy notes on the South Pole & Straits of Magellan.

The present example is the very rare 1651 edition of the map, which includes the words "Are to be sold in popshead Alley by Will: Humble" below the allegorical figure of Aire, along the bottom of the map. The 1651 dating in the title would be retained on later editions of the map, but the "Humble" language would quickly be replaced by a note in the lower left part of the Eastern Hemisphere as follows: "Are to be sold by Tho: Bassett in Fleet Street and Ric: Chiswell in St. Paul's Church yard."

#### Detailed Condition:

Minor reinforcement at centerfold.