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## La Descrittione Della Prima Parte Dell' Asia Con i nomi antichi & moderni Di Jacopo Gastaldi Piemontese comografo . . . L'Anno MDLXI

**Stock#:** 42268  
**Map Maker:** Gastaldi  
**Date:** 1561  
**Place:** Venice  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 20.5 x 31.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

First edition of Giacomo Gastaldi's important 2-sheet map of the region bounded by the Black Sea and Mediterranean in the West and Afganistan and Central Asia in the East. Cyprus is prominently shown in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Fine example of Antonio Lafreri's edition Giacomo Gastaldi's highly influential map, perhaps the single most influential map of the region published in the 16th Century. The map would go on to be the most influential map of the region and the pro-type for the region well into the early 17th Century.

Gastaldi's map, published in Venice, was begun in 1559, the year it was published, was only the first sheet, followed in 1561 by maps of the Arabian Peninsula and East Asia.

Giacomo Gastaldi was the most celebrated Italian cartographer of the sixteenth century. He was also one of the first true professionals in that field. Unlike most contemporary cartographers who also served as publishers and/or engravers, Gastaldi specialized in the drafting and design of maps, only rarely becoming involved in the technical aspects of their commercial distribution.

As official cosmographer to the Venetian Republic, moreover, Gastaldi had access to the most up-to-date geographical information in compiling his maps, and many of them represent the most accurate renderings of their time. Such is the case with his landmark maps of Asia, which were printed as three separate but complementary "parts."

Gastaldi's map was later copied in a single sheet edition by Cornelis De Jode, Abraham Ortelius, and a number of other early map makers.



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The map is very rare on the market.

**Detailed Condition:**

2 sheets, joined.