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Carte Generale du Monde, ou Description du Monde Terrestre & Aquatique...

Stock#: 42550
Map Maker: Mortier

Date: 1695 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 18.5 x 16 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking example of Pierre Mortier's map of the World, showing California as an island.

Five additional spheres across the top of the map illustrate night and day; the earth without water; the phases of the moon, and the eastern and western hemispheres. The American portion of the map is almost portolan style in its location of place names. The map is rich with cartographic misconceptions. California is an island, there is a wonderful wide Northwest Pasage and Northeast Passage, the straits of Anian are shown, along with a strait of land coming from Asia in the Terra Iesso style.

New Zealand is partially mapped, as is Australia, reflecting only the discoveries of Abel Tasman.

A marvelous compendium of 17th century Cartographic knowledge, in gorgeous color.

Detailed Condition: