



## Barry Lawrence Ruderman Antique Maps Inc.

7407 La Jolla Boulevard  
La Jolla, CA 92037

www.raremaps.com

(858) 551-8500  
blr@raremaps.com

**A Correct Map of the World with several usefull Theories extracted from the Writings of the Greatest Mathematicians and Philosophers of the Age, humbly dedicated to the Rt. Honorable Thomas L. Trevor, Baron of Bromham and one of ye Lords of her Majesties - most honorable Privy Council . . .**

**Stock#:** 46354  
**Map Maker:** Price  
**Date:** 1713 circa  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 37 x 22.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

***Only Known Example of The First State of Charles Price World Map -- With Extensive Text From Sir Isaac Newton and Sir Edmund Halley***

This double hemisphere world map by Charles Price is a fascinating bit of British printing history. Previously known from contemporary advertisements in British periodicals, the map survives in a single recorded example of the third state of the map (1790), in the British Library. While there were known to be 2 earlier states of the map, these two earlier states were known only from advertisements, with no surviving examples known to exist.

The publication of this map quite likely corresponds to the publication of the second edition of Newton's *Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica* (Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy).

Newton's postulate of an invisible force able to act over vast distances led to him being criticized for introducing "occult agencies" into science. Later, in the second edition of the *Principia* (1713), Newton firmly rejected such criticisms in a concluding *General Scholium*, writing that it was enough that the phenomena implied a gravitational attraction, as they did; but they did not so far indicate its cause, and it was both unnecessary and improper to frame hypotheses of things that were not implied by the phenomena. (Here Newton used what became his famous expression "hypotheses non-fingo").

The map includes extensive text excerpts from some of the most important scientific works of the period, including:



## Barry Lawrence Ruderman Antique Maps Inc.

7407 La Jolla Boulevard  
La Jolla, CA 92037

www.raremaps.com

(858) 551-8500  
blr@raremaps.com

---

**A Correct Map of the World with several usefull Theories extracted from the Writings of the Greatest Mathematicians and Philosophers of the Age, humbly dedicated to the Rt. Honorable Thomas L. Trevor, Baron of Bromham and one of ye Lords of her Majesties - most honorable Privy Council . . .**

- Sir Isaac Newton's *Theory of the Tides* from his *Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica* (Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy)
- Sir Edmund Halley's *Attempt to Assigne a Physical Cause of the Trade Winds and Monsoons*
- Sir Edmund Halley's *Of the Quantity of Vapour Exhaled from the Sea, of its Circulation and of the Cause of Springs*
- Sir Edmund Halley's *A Theory of the Variations of the Magnetical Compass*
- Sir Edmund Halley's *The Proportional Heat of the Sun in All Latitudes*.

Cartographically, the map contains a number of mythical features (California as an Island, New Guinea attached to Australia, Straits of Anian, etc.), as well as the results of early explorations in the South Pacific and Oceania.

We date the map based upon the dedication to Thomas Trevor. Trevor was made Baron of Bromham in 1712. George I ascended to the throne on August 1, 1714, which puts the date of this map between 1712 and 1714.

The advertisement notes the availability of a set of 21 maps on 2 sheets published by Price and available for sale through T. Brandeth and G. Willdey.

We have been unable to locate any other surviving examples of this map.

While the map bears some similarities to John Senex's 1725 *A Map of the World* . . . , which contains the Newton passage, some of the Halley text and very similar cartographic content, the maps are almost certainly from entirely different plates.

The information for Price's map in the British Library is as follows:

Title: A correct Map of the World ... By Charles Price. [On the stereographic projection]

Publication Details: [London] : Carrington Bowles, [1790] (British Library #920.(304), Armitage 7)

### **Detailed Condition:**

Minor restorations, with a bit of restoration to the text at the lower center of the map and several areas of loss near folds, expertly restored.