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Mappa Geographica Exhibens Religionem Catholicam Alicubi Per Africam Sparsam

Stock#: 54951
Map Maker: Scherer

Date: 1710 circa
Place:
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size:

Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking map of Africa, published by Heinrich Scherer.

The Christian theme of this map of Africa is boldly presented in the graphic illustration of the Crucifixion above the map's key. The map itself is a fine example of the state of geographic knowledge (or lack thereof) at the beginning of the 18th century.

Africa is presented with a fairly accurate coastline, but most of the interior is entirely fictional with Scherer unique and complicated river system. The Nile is shown in the traditional manner with its source in the large southern lakes of Zaflan and Zembre. The Zembre, also labeled Lac Zaire spawns the Congo and Zaire Rivers as well.

The locations of Catholic churches and missions are prominently shown.

The seas abound with a variety of fascinating sea monsters and a large ship with a cross on its sail fills the Indian Ocean.

Detailed Condition:

Lower centerfold area restored in the blank margins.