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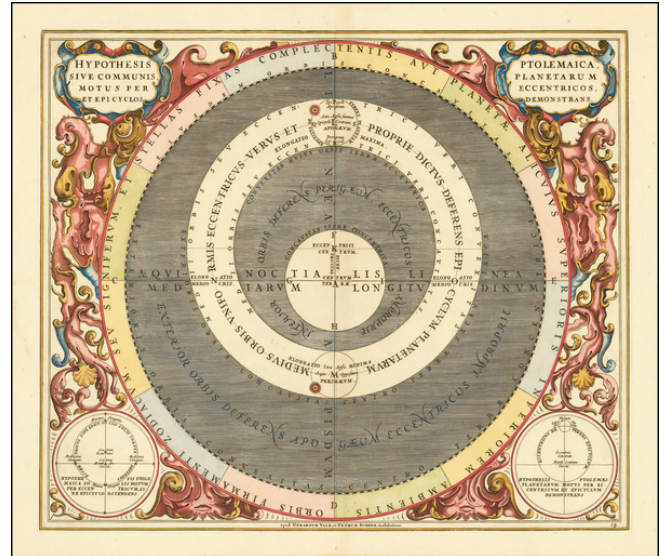
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Hypothesis Ptolemaica Sive Communis Planetarum

Stock#: 65224op
Map Maker: Cellarius
Date: 1708
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 17 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of this finely executed map illustrating Claudius Ptolemy's hypothesis regarding planetary movement, showing Earth as the center of the universe and the planetary motions in eccentric and epicyclical orbits.

The present example appeared in the 1708 Valk & Schenk edition of Cellarius' *Harmonia Macrocosmica*.

Andreas Cellarius was born in 1596 in Neuhausen and educated in Heidelberg. He emigrated to Holland in the early 17th Century and in 1637 moved to Hoorn, where he became the rector of the Latin School. Cellarius' best known work is his *Harmonia Macrocosmica*, first issued in 1660 by Jan Jansson, as a supplement to Jansson's *Atlas Novus*. The work consists of a series of Celestial Charts begun by Cellarius in 1647, and intended as part of a two volume treatise on cosmography, which was never issued.

Cellarius' charts are the most sought after of celestial charts, blending the striking imagery of the golden age of Dutch Cartography with contemporary scientific knowledge. The present examples come from the Valk & Schenk edition of Cellarius' atlas, which is unchanged from the 1661 edition. The 1660 and 1661 editions can be distinguished by the inclusion of a plate number in the lower right corner of the 1661 edition. The Valk & Schenk edition can be distinguished by the addition of the printer's name (Valk & Schenk) in the titles of the maps.

Detailed Condition:

Drawer Ref: Celestial

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