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Nouvelle Mappe-Monde recemment mise en lumiere

Stock#: 67138
Map Maker: De Hooghe & van der Aa
Date: 1710 circa
Place: Leiden
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A very fine example of a double-hemisphere world map with decorative borders, first published in Romeyn de Hooghe's *Les Indes Orientales et Occidentales et autres lieux*, a travel guide to the East and West Indies.

The decorative borders are somewhat unusual for Dutch maps of the period. The corners show allegorical scenes depicting the four seasons: top left is Spring, with a plow and figures surveying by taking star sightings; top right is Summer, with a harvest and the accompanying wealth; bottom left is Autumn, with a battle scene; and bottom right is Winter, with people skating on a frozen river.

In the upper cusp is Ouroboros encircling a book representing the Word of God; in the lower cusp is a shadowy figure in front of a plinth piled with wealth and symbols of culture.

The map shows California as an Island. Northeast Asia and Japan are ill-formed. Australia and New Zealand are partially discovered.

Detailed Condition: