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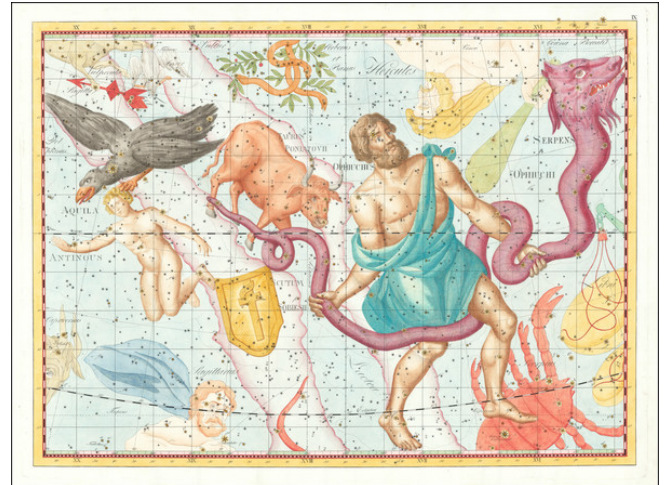
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IX. Ophiuchus seu Serpentarius... Coelum Stellatum.

Stock#: 68755op
Map Maker: Bode
Date: 1801
Place: Berlin
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 30.5 x 22.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A magnificent hand-colored engraved celestial plate from "the most elaborate atlas of stars and constellations published to date and perhaps the last great star atlas." - David Rumsey

Impressive celestial engraving from the large folio 1801 first edition of Johann Elert Bode's *Uranographia*.

The plate depicts the constellations of Aquila, Antinous, Scutum Sobiesii, Taurus Poniatovii, Ophiuchus, and Serpens Ophiuchi.

The focus of the image, Ophiucus, is a large constellation straddling the celestial equator. Its name comes from the Greek Ὠφιοῦχος (*Ophioukhos*, "serpent-bearer"), and it is commonly represented, as here, grasping the constellation Serpens.

Barnard's Star, one of the stars nearest to our solar system, lies within the constellation Ophiuchus.

Detailed Condition: