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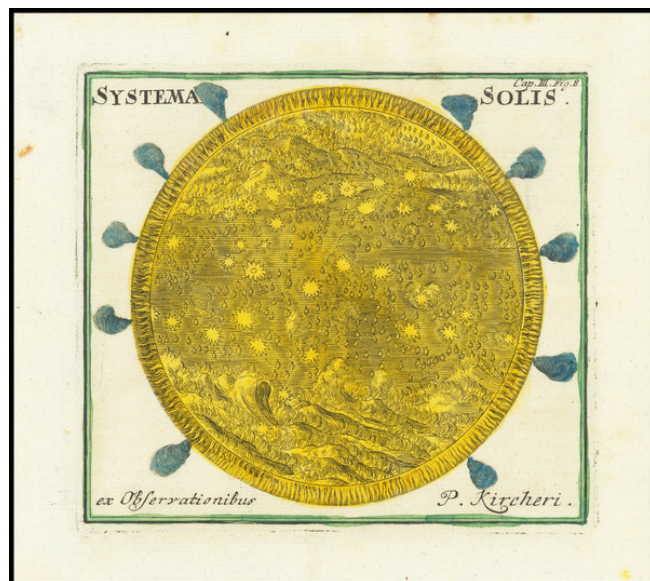
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(Map of the Sun) *Systema Solis ex Observationibus P. Kircheri*

Stock#: 77019
Map Maker: Thomas
Date: 1730
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 5 x 5.25 inches
Price: \$ 345.00



Description:

Attractive antique print showing an 18th-century conception of the sun. Apparently based on the observations of Father Athanasius Kircher, a late 17th century Jesuit scholar with many interests, the print shows the sun with numerous dark clouds emanating from the outside. These are solar flares and surface eruptions, based on the observations of Kircher and Scheiner in 1635. Kircher's observations were originally published in his masterpiece, titled *Mundus subterraneus* (The Underground World).

This work originally appeared in the celestial atlas *Mercurii Philosophici Firmamentum Firmianum*. The work was engraved by Jakob Hering and published by Thomas for his patron Leopold Anton von Firmian, Archbishop of Salzburg.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color.