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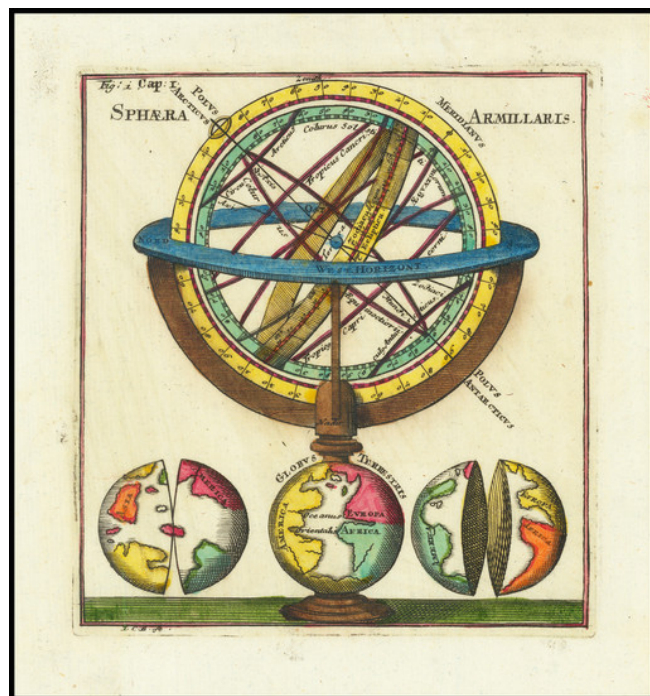
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## [Fig: i Cap: I] Sphaera Armillaris

**Stock#:** 79650  
**Map Maker:** Thomas  
**Date:** 1730  
**Place:** Frankfurt  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 4.6 x 5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Attractive original antique copperplate engraving of an armillary sphere published by Thomas Corbinianus in Frankfurt in 1730. Used to represent the celestial realm with the earth at the center, this diagram instructs the viewer on the many moving parts of such a tool. The sphere shows how the tilt of the earth results in the declination of the ecliptical line, also known as the line of the Zodiac. These could be used to measure the positions of the stars and planets by charting the location of these objects relative to the stars.

At the base of the map are three fascinating and bizarre terrestrial globes. The central globe shows a very simplified portrayal of the Americas and the Old World. The two globes on the side are very curious, showing what appears to be a two-dimensional projection on a globe.

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

### Detailed Condition:



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