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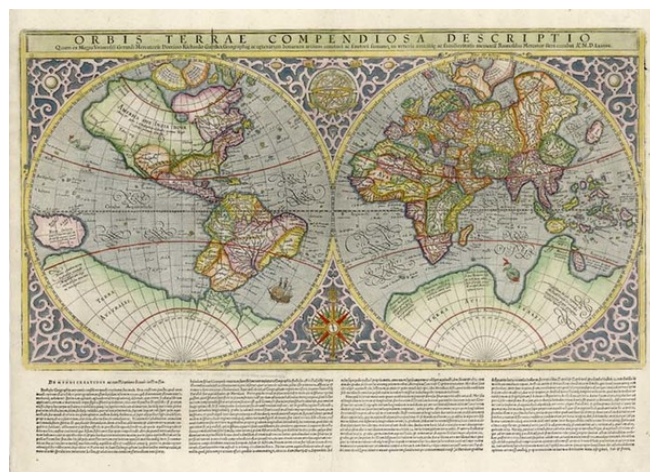
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## Orbis Terrae Compendiosa Descriptio Quam ex Magna Universali Mercatoris . . . MDLXXXVII

**Stock#:** 8919  
**Map Maker:** Mercator  
**Date:** 1587 (1602?)  
**Place:** Geneva/Duisberg  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 21 x 14 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Attractive example of the first Duisberg edition of Mercator's map of the World, first printed in Geneva in 1587. The map retains the text below the image, which was discontinued in editions after 1603. This is the only collectible world map by Gerard Mercator, the greatest geographer of his era. Both his 1538 and 1569 world maps are unapproachable rarities. The present work is a reduced version of the 1569 wall map of the world, on which the revolutionary Mercator Projection was introduced. Oddly, this folio version recast the map into a double-hemisphere format and did not employ the Mercator Projection. Gerhard Mercator died in 1594, the year before his first world atlas was published. It would be several decades before a world map on his Mercator's projection would appear in a commercial atlas. This fine piece of engraving, with elegant, strapwork ornamentation, of what was certainly the most important world map of the late 16th Century. Latin text on the verso. A flawless example in full color. Shirley 157. While later editions appear on the market with some frequency, the early editions with the text are quite scarce.

### Detailed Condition: