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(Apollo 8) Earthrise

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Map Maker: NASA

Date: 1968 December 29
Place: Houston, Texas
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 9.5 x 7.5 inches

Price: \$ 7,500.00



Description:

One of the Most Iconic Images in Space Exploration.

This extraordinary image of Earthrise was captured by Apollo 8 Lunar Module Pilot William Anders as the spacecraft emerged from the far side of the moon during their third orbit. The remarkable moment left a lasting impression on Anders, who reflected on the unexpected significance of the sight before him. Anders stated:

We'd spent most of our time on Earth training about how to study the Moon, how to go to the Moon; it was very lunar oriented. And yet, when I looked up and saw the Earth coming up on this very stark, beat-up lunar horizon, and Earth that was the only color that we could see, a very fragile-looking Earth, a very delicate looking Earth, I was immediately almost overcome by the thought that here we came all this way to see the Moon, and yet the most significant thing we're seeing is our own home planet, the Earth.

The striking image serves as a testament to the incredible journey of the Apollo 8 mission and offers a poignant reminder of the beauty and fragility of our home planet, as seen from the perspective of those who ventured beyond its atmosphere.

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APOLLO 8 - - EARTH VIEW - - This view of the rising Earth greeted the Apollo 8 astronauts as they came from behind the Moon after the lunar orbit insertion burn. Earth is about five degrees above the horizon in the photo. The unnamed surface features in the foreground are near the eastern limb of the Moon as viewed from Earth. The lunar horizon is approximately 780 kilometers from the spacecraft. Width of the photographed area at the horizon is about 175 kilometers. On the earth 240,000 statute miles away, the sunset terminator bisects Africa.

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