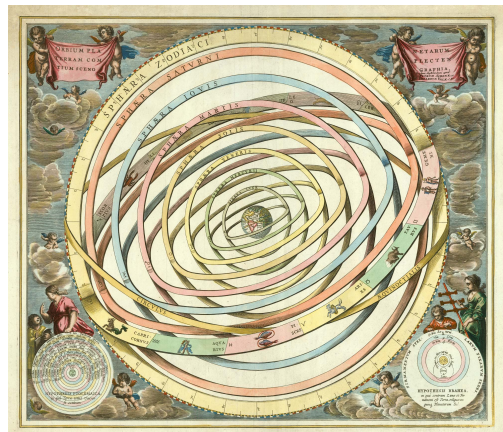




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17TH CENTURY CHART OF THE GEOCENTRIC SOLAR SYSTEM

£2,500.00

Orbium Planetarum Terram Complectentium Scenographia.

Cartographer	CELLARIUS, Andreas.
Date	1708
Stock #:	25345
Publication:	Amsterdam: Schenk & Valk, 1708. Original colour with additions. 440 x 515mm.
Condition:	A good example.

DESCRIPTION:

A chart of the pre-Copernican solar system, as a geocentric model of the Universe with Earth at the centre and the sun orbiting the Earth between Venus and Mars. The borders are filled with winged cherubs, allegorical figures with scientific instruments including a cross-staff, and two further spheres showing Ptolemaic and Brahean views of the Universe.

It was engraved by Jan van Loon and published in the 'Atlas Coelestis; seu Harmonia Macrocosmica', the only celestial atlas to be produced in the Netherlands before the nineteenth century. It was a compilation of maps of the Ptolemaic universe and the more modern theories of Copernicus and Brahe, and remains the finest and most highly decorative celestial atlas ever produced. Originally published by Jan Jansson in 1660, this example comes from Schenk & Valk's reissue.