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## 17TH CENTURY MAP OF THE RIVERS OF ASIA £975.00

Tabula Geographica Hydrophylacium Asiae Majoris exhibens, quo Omnia Flumina sive proximè sive remotè per occultos maeandros Originem suam sortiuntur.

**Cartographer** KIRCHER, Athanasius.

**Date** 1665

**Stock #:** 20560

**Publication:** Amsterdam, c.1665. 345 x 410mm.

**Condition:** A good example.

## **DESCRIPTION:**

An unusual map of south Asia from Arabia to Japan, designed to show the major rivers of the continent. Kircher posits two discredited theories: that the Indus and Ganges share a source as a large subterranean lake in the Himalayas, illustrated with a vignette; and 'Chiamai lac' (Chiang Mai in northern Thailand) as the source of the other great rivers, including the Mekong, Irrawaddy and Chao Phraya.

Published in a Dutch-text edition of the 'Mundi Subterranei', first published 1665.