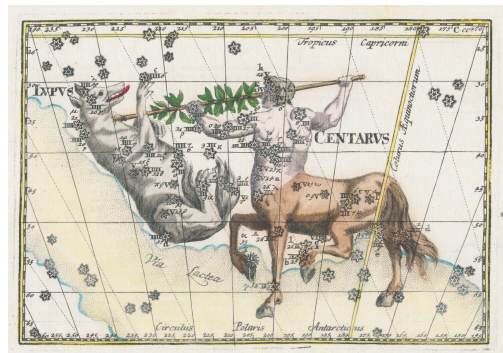




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## 18TH CENTURY ILLUSTRATION OF THE CONSTELLATION CENTARUS

**£300.00**

Centarus. Lupus.

<b>Cartographer</b>	THOMAS, Corbinianus.
<b>Date</b>	1730
<b>Stock #:</b>	21389
<b>Publication:</b>	Frankfurt, 1730. Fine original hand colour.
<b>Condition:</b>	Original binding fold flattened.

### DESCRIPTION:

The constellations Centarus & Lupus in fine hand colour, engraved by Johann Christoph Berndt for the celestial atlas 'Mercurii Philosphiici Firmamentum Firmianum', named for Thomas's patron, Leopold Anton von Firmian, Archbishop of Salzburg.

Alpha Centauri is the closest star to ours.

Corbinianus Thomas (1694-1767), a Benedictine monk, was Professor of Mathematics and Theology at the University of Salzburg. His star atlas was first published in 1730 at Frankfurt, with a second edition at Augsburg the following year. He used an odd system for nomenclature: Greek letter for the star, Roman numeral for the magnitude and Arabic numeral for the star catalogue reference.