



A rare American missionary map on linen

OHMAN, August R.

Missionary Map of the World Showing the Prevailing Religions of its Various Nations and the Central Stations of All Protestant Missionary Societies.

New York: August R. Ohman & Co. Inc, c.1906. Colour-printed wood engraving on two linen sheets stitched together, total 1250 x 2120mm.

£3,400

A huge double-hemisphere world map with the land coloured according to the dominant religion, probably used as a backdrop at fund-raising events. The key lists Protestants, Greek and Eastern Churches, Roman Catholics, Jews, Mohammedans and Heathen, although the Jewish population is too spread out to show on the map. The 'Heathens' (numbered at 845 million by the key, outnumbering all the other religions combined) fill central Africa and seem to include the Hindus of India, Buddhists of China and Shinto of Japan. August R. Ohman & Co publishers evolved from the more famous Colton firm: 'G.W. & C.B. Colton' became 'Colton, Ohman & Co. in 1898', and Ohman dropped the Colton name three years later, after which he published a number of bird's-eye views of American cities. We have dated this map from the 'Statistics of Missions, 1906' at the bottom.



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