



A Dutch world map with superb borders

MORTIER, Pierre.

Nova Orbis Tabula in Lucem Edita, A. F. De Wit.

Amsterdam: Covens & Mortier, c.1720. Fine original colour. 465 x 540mm.

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A finely decorated double-hemisphere world map, with two further spheres showing the northern and southern hemispheres and cherubs in the cusps. The four corners are taken up with vignettes of the seasons, each with references to the Elements and the Zodiac. At first glance the map looks like Frederick de Wit's map of c.1670, however this is a later issue first published by Pierre Mortier c.1690 (who had purchased many of De Wit's plates), with the world divided at the meridian of 0° (the Canaries) rather than 350°. Differences include the appearance of 'Compagnies Land' near Japan, the joining of the Cape York Peninsula and New Guinea, and a line of islands in the south east Pacific.

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