



The apparent path of the Sun around the Earth

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Solis Circa Orbem Terrarum Spiralis Revolutio.

Amsterdam, Schenk & Valk, 1708. Original colour with additions, including gold highlights. 440 x 515mm.

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A beautiful celestial sphere showing the apparent spiral revolution of the sun around the Earth, with the signs of the zodiac shown on a central band. The borders contain the title on banners, with two putti with birds on strings. This beautiful chart was 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. It was originally published by Jan Jansson in 1660: this chart comes from Schenk & Valk's reissue.

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