



17th century chart of the motions of the Sun through the skies

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Theoria Solis per eccentricum sine epicyclo.

Amsterdam, Schenk & Valk, 1708. Original colour with additions, including gold highlights. 435 x 510mm.

£1,500

A chart illustrating the apparent motions of the Sun without using the Ptolemaic theory of epicycles. It has decorative borders featuring winged putti and two smaller astronomical diagrams. This chart was engraved by Jan van Loon and 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 example comes from Schenk & Valk's reissue.

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