



A 17th century chart relating health to planetary alignment

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 Pro Crisibus Morborum et Aspectibus Planetarum.

Nuremberg: J.C.Lochner, 1696. Coloured. 360 x 425mm.

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A decorative original print with an astrological diagram for predicting health by charting planetary alignment, a concept dating back to Ancient Greece. The plate comes from 'Specula physico-mathematico-historica notabilium ac mirabilium sciendorum', a finely-illustrated cosmography, written by Johann Zahn (1631-1707), a German monk. He also published a book on optics, 'Oculus Artificialis Teledioptricus Sive Telescopium' (1685), with the first extensive descriptions of both the camera obscura and the magic lantern, which he used for anatomical lectures.

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