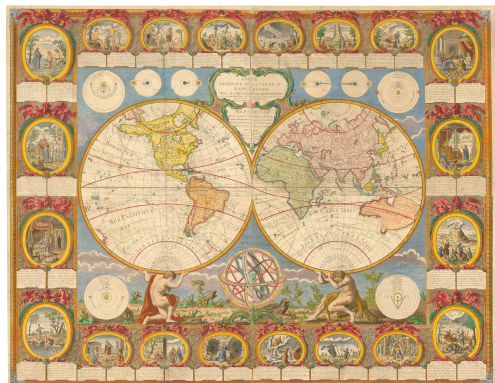




AN 18TH CENTURY WALL MAP OF THE WORLD

£22,500.00

Carte General de la Terre ou Mappe Monde Avec Les Quatre Principeaux Systemes.

Cartographer [CLOUET, Jean Baptiste Louis.](#)

Date 1788

Stock #: 24669

Publication: Paris & Cadiz, Louis Joseph Mondhare, 1788.
Coloured. Four sheets conjoined, total 970 x 1230mm.

Condition: Laid on canvas to reinforce numerous paper cracks, some small areas of paper loss and marginal damage expertly repaired, with some mss. fill.

DESCRIPTION:

A double-hemisphere world wall map, with the title in French and Spanish, with the Western Hemisphere held aloft by Atlas, the Eastern by Hercules. The borders, 175mm wide at the sides and 160mm at the bottom, contain twenty vignette scenes from the Old Testament, all in full colour, with short texts in French and Spanish. Around the map are nine astronomical diagrams.

The cartography includes a measure of fallacy and anomaly: in North America the 'Mer de l'Ouest' is shown, as is the North West Passage of de Fonte; and despite Hawaii being marked as the place of Captain Cook's death (erroneously dated '17 Fevr. 1778' instead of 14th Feb 1779), the map has not been corrected to show the discoveries made by Cook in the decade before his death. Thus New Zealand is a partial outline, although circumnavigated 1770-1 and Australia is still connected to Tasmania and Espirito Santo.

Considering the size of the map some restoration is inevitable. Surviving copies are rare.