



A 16TH CENTURY ALLEGORICAL FIGURE OF THE PLANET MERCURY

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Mercurius.

Cartographer [PASSE, Crispijn de.](#)

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Engraving with etching. 130 x 105mm.

Condition: Scrape in upper border, stain in margin.

DESCRIPTION:

A full-length allegorical figure representing the planet Mercury in the form of the Roman god. He stands holding his caduceus and purse, a cockerel at his feet. In the four corners are vignettes: the zodiac signs Gemini & Virgo, a hen and another caduceus.

Plate 6 of seven illustrations of the planets of the Solar System, plus a titlepage, engraved and published by Crispijn de Passe the Elder (1564-1637).