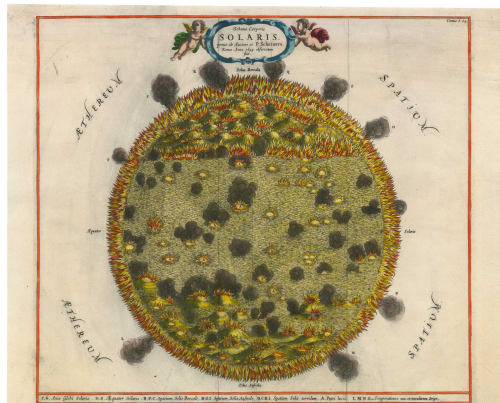




A SUPERB 17TH CENTURY MAP OF THE SUN

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Schema Corporis Solaris prout ab Auctore et P. Scheinero. Romae Anno 1635 observatum suit.

Cartographer [KIRCHER, Athanasius.](#)

Date 1665

Stock #: 26276

Publication: Amsterdam, 1665. Hand coloured. 370 x 410mm.

Condition: Narrow bottom margin, original folds.

DESCRIPTION:

A beautifully illustrated map of the Sun by Athanasius Kircher. This early scientific illustration is one of the first to depict sunspot activity.

The plate was published in the 'Mundus Subterraneus' by Athanasius Kircher (1602-80), who was a German Jesuit polymath based in Rome and one of the most prolific and widely read scholars of the 17th century. His works span cartography, geology, Egyptology, cosmology, and natural philosophy, combining scientific observation with imaginative synthesis. Best known for books such as 'Mundus Subterraneus' and 'China Illustrata', Kircher's publications are distinguished by their elaborate engraved maps and diagrams, including depictions of volcanoes, the interior of the earth, and the ancient world.