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## About this record

This map shows the Ottoman Empire as it appeared in the early 17th century. It details Ottoman territories in Asia, Africa, and Europe, and includes Persia, Transcaucasia, Ethiopia, and other surrounding lands. Topographic features, place-names, and populations are definitively marked, although the nomenclature of the time differs markedly from that used today. The Red Sea is termed the Sea of Mecca, for example, and the Persian Gulf is called the Sea of Alcatif. The map sometimes has been identified as a part of Atlas sive Cosmographicae Meditationes de Fabrica Mundi et Fabricati figura (Atlas of the world: finely engraved and drawn), produced by Jodocus Hondius following the work of Gerard Mercator. There is no evidence on the map itself to sustain that identification, nor is a date of publication supplied. Ottoman lands are hand-colored in red, except for the European territories. The vivid coloring is not contemporary with the production of the map and was probably added in the 19th century after Greece and the Balkan lands, which are not colored, were freed from Ottoman rule. Different lettering denotes different geographic and ethnographic features. Italics are generously used, and geometric shapes and shading are used to indicate mountain ranges and maritime littorals. The title cartouche indicates that Hondius, the supposed creator, based his map on Mercator's projection. The cartouche itself is of interest for its cameo portrait entitled "Sultan Mahumet Turcorum Imperat" (Sultan Muhammad Emperor of the Turks), probably meant to represent Sultan Mehmed II (1432-81), known

as Mehmed the Conqueror.



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Proportidem, ac non minimam Ponti Euxini partein, ad Theodofan urbem in Tairica Cherofoneli fram, quam mune Gafaw vocant, terminaturequod factum ocdo milla millar. continet. In Medierrenancivero protenditura Iavarino opido Hungaria, Incolis Red, ad Confiantinopolim ufque in finibus Europa fitam. In Africa habet Tur-cauniverfiam ocam maritimam abopido Redli ed Gonzeu al Ugora di finum Arabicum, feu Mare rubrum, exceptis paucis Hilpaniarum Regi fubjedis. In Afa etiam quam latifane fife extendit. Regio utplurimum Frammenti, Tri-tici, Hordel, Avenza, Silignis, Fabarum, Mili jaliorumque Leganinum fertilis. Abunda Otiza, Lino, Golfpio. Soffenië-Vineta quoque haben & columt, & Chriftiani & Turcz, fed varie. Chriftiani Vinum conficiunt & Turcz Mel en-corum lingna Pechmaz, vocatum. Uvas pallas qualifam ita medicantar, ut femper & svila & gular recentes appare-anthas Joim Toris vocant. Fert ettam magana copia Pepones, Mclonez, Cucometers, Nuces, Poma, Pina, Mala Pu-nica, Aurantia, Callaness, Ficus, Cerafa, allofque Fructus : fed non in omni Regno. Sunt etim bloaz, ut palim in Cappadocia & Armenia Minori, Joh infil Horsm (propert intendifiitum mifigus) nacitur. Venas item haber etim copian. Equi Turcit, Cancique ferocifium inprinis probattur. Turcarom poro Imperio tale legitor fuit. Maamos fe initium, Prinus illorum Inperator Ottomasonna Turtars forti, miles magnicLina, home audas, corporis viri-buspaz etteris eximits. Hi praretxu injunitarum quarundam feedenas Turatris, corpisti in Cappadocia Montes fe initium, Primusillorum Imperator ottensansur Tartarus foit, miler magni Châm, homo audar, corporis viri-bus præcteris eximius, Hie præteret injuitarum quænndam focedens af Tartais, capiti in Cappadocia Montes arque aditus infidere Habebat initio apod fe equites sl: acceffere tum prædæfnetum feelerum luorum confeien-tia permot i multi alijsnoorum opera, quod antes a lam infiturenta, palam adgred i copit, occupavi que Cappadocia Pestum, Bidynium, Pamphiatm & Ciliciam regiones opulentifilmas. Hære gifal funt circa amum Domin es s cec. Hoie fuecefit filus orchanes. Hie a parte acceptum Imperia ijidem artibus, fed majore opum viæ divisirum co-pia ferværi auxiençue ulus impinis oportonitate Christianorum inter fe animis diffentientim-quo factum efl, ut Myfam, Lysansim, Pamphiatm & Caliciam te le Palaboleg unu Gatancone. Ratus aurem quod res etar, fore ut fibuic faverer in Europam acceffectur, rajecir, & viam pofteris firavit Europam divexandi. Sub finem vitæ infe-liciter cum Tartaris decertars occubuit, poftquan regnaffe annos unum & trigitana. Huie facefitti filus Jameta bez, ogregits finulandi & diffinulandi attrices, robore animi, laborum toteranta, dicipitana rei militar simapit-bus davis finulandis e ana vibus conductifits ufor fare acce sifimulando fovit quibos bello fel-fis & exhandis, Gernenefium anvibus conductifis da fare fare ox sifimulando fovit quibos bello fel-fis & exhandis, Gernenefium anvibus conductifis dus finonimo prefidam & avaritan vide) ex Afain Thraci-

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