

Pierre Du Val's second series of miniature maps (see also 1659, 1662a, 1663, 1667 and 1672), illustrated his pocket world geography. This work was published many times between 1660 and 1688 and by Jean Certe in Lyons too (see 1688a). It was also translated into German and English. Whereas the German editions published by Johann Hoffmann contain maps copied from the originals (see 1678), though engraved several to a plate, the English translations by Ferrand Spence do not. However, Robert Morden emulated Du Val by issuing his own world geography in London, with maps mostly copied from the French ones (see 1680).

<p>CARTES contenües en la <i>Geographie Vniuerselle</i>, par P. Du Val <i>Geographe du Roy</i>.</p>			
<p>Le MONDE, Terres Arctiques, Islande, Terres Ant-arctiques. AMERIQUE, Canada, Virginie, Floride, N^{au} Mexique, N^e Espagne, Isles Antilles, Castille d'or, Guaiane, Perou, Chili, Magellanique, Tucuman, la Plata, Bresil. AFRIQUE, Barbarie,</p>	<p>Egypte, Biledulgerid, et Nigritie, ^{zara-} Nubie, Guinée, Abissinie, Congo, Cafreterie et Mono-Motapa, Languibar, I. Terçeres, I. Canaries, I. du Cap verd, I. Madagascar, I. de Malithe, ASIE, Turquie en Asie, Georgie, Arabie, Perse, Tartarie,</p>	<p>Chine, Empire du Mogol, Presqu'iles (de çà le Gange, de l'Inde (delà le Gange, I. Maldives, I. Ceilan, I. de la Sonde, I. du Japon, I. Philippines, I. Molucques. EVROPE, France, Espagne, Portugal, XVII. Provinces, Holande, Flandre, Lorraine, Franche-Comité, Suisse, Savoie,</p>	<p>Italie, Table des Heures, Allemagne, Danemarq, Suede, Acquisitions (en Allemagne, de la Suede (en Danemarq. Pologne, ^{etc.} Moscovie, Empire des Turcs, Turquie en Europe, Hongrie, Transilvanie etc. Petite Tartarie Raguse, Isles Britanniques, Angleterre, Ecosse, Irlande, Sicile, Candie.</p>

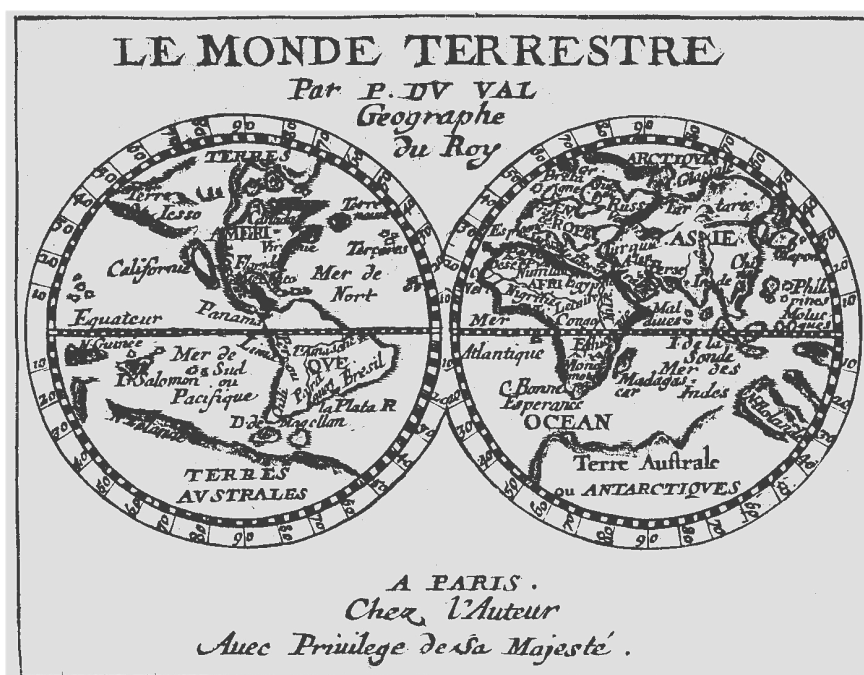
The sequence of the continents in Du Val's work is the reverse of what was usual at this time, with America first and Europe last. When it was issued in two volumes, Europe forms the second one. Copies are also known in another format with the maps separate from the text. These one volume atlases are found with the maps on guards at the centre fold in the usual way, but also bound unfolded in an oblong format.

The eighty-two up to date plates were mostly after Nicolas Sanson and likely engraved by François de Lapointe with dimensions of 120/130 x 95/105 mm. It is not unusual to come across these nicely done maps with contemporary outline colour. They were much copied (see 1678, 1678a, 1680, 1680b, 1681, 1688a & also 1692).



American Geographical Society

The first edition of Du Val's geography lacked a few maps: Iceland, the two polar ones and two relating to Swedish acquisitions by various treaties (see 1663). A copy in the New York Public Library seemingly lacks a title-page and was catalogued according to the world map's wording (see below), it presumably being taken for an illustrated title-page.



New York Public Library

In the second edition of 1661 the original engraved title-page was replaced by a new one with an oval design. Some plates were retouched with extra place names and nine maps had additions to their titles: Virginia; Florida; Guiana; the Philippines; Portugal; Poland; Russia; Spain; Germany. From the third edition onwards, both engraved title-pages were used, but their design, wording and dates were retouched several times during their life. To create the revised title for 1663, 'Le Monde ou' was inserted above the original title on both the octagonal lozenge (1660) and oval (1661) designs and the dates were changed too. However, the American Geographical Society has a 1663 edition with the 1660 plate not modified and later issues are also known with different dates on the various title-pages. Among the alterations for the third edition was the replacement of the world map (above) with a new one having the signature of François de Lapointe at bottom right (below). This was deleted in the second 1663 state and eighteen new names were also added. The original world map is known with the added imprint of Jacques Lagniet (see Introduction 9), who in 1661 seems to have reprinted it and four composite sheets of miniature maps also by Du Val: *L'Europe*, *L'Asie*, *L'Afrique* and *L'Amerique*.



Subsequently, the map of Europe (see below) was also replaced with a new and slightly wider plate having a foliate title-piece instead of a plain panel. Further changes were introduced for 1672, with various alterations, additions and deletions. *Le Monde en Planisphere* was considerably retouched and dated, though the year was partially erased from 1676. Some others were revised more than once, for example five states are known of Virginia. In 1676 the oval title-page fronting part two was altered to read *L'Europe* The last three editions had the extra title *La Géographie du temps* and the final one was published after Du Val's death by one of his daughters, who also added plate numbers.



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La Géographie universelle. Paris, Pierre Du Val, 1660, 1661.

Le Monde ou la géographie universelle. Paris, Pierre Du Val & Nicolas Pepingue, 1663, 1670, 1672; Pierre Du Val, 1676, 1677, 1682; Pierre Du Val & Nicolas Langlois, 1682; Mlle. M. Du Val, 1688.



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The atlases and maps are listed in full detail by Mireille Pastoureau in *Les Atlas français XVIe - XVIIe siècles*, published in Paris by the Bibliothèque Nationale in 1984. However, since then more information has come to light from a variety of sources, revealing some omissions:

- the first edition of 1660 is not recorded;
 - the 1661 collation is based on an incomplete copy, the missing maps being described as new in 1672;
 - the third edition of 1663 and its variant issues are not listed;
 - the other 1682 edition, which was published jointly with Nicolas Langlois, is not mentioned.
- Barbary is counted as two maps although on the same plate (see below);
 - the description of the world map, other than the title, relates to the 1663 replacement, the title of which is correctly given in the entry for the 1672 edition;
 - not one but several maps were originally dated in their title cartouches:
Virginia - 1659,
the British Isles, England and Germany - 1660,
Sweden - 1661;
 - considerable plate revision between editions, both of maps and title-pages, and the addition of numbers in the last edition, are also unrecorded.

