Die Grundlage der allgemeinen Relativitätstheorie

von

A. Einstein

Die Theorie der Gravitation hat sich mit unserer Kenntnis. Ihre Beziehung zu der Maxwell'schen der Elektrostatik auf dem von Kόnig zuerst eingeschlagenen Wege also und in die richtige Tiefen. Dagegen ist der Zusammenhang mit der Theorie auch durch die Zeit

1918.

Leipzig :: Verlag von Johann Ambrosius Barth :: 1916
INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to present another installment of our annual History of Science and Technology auction. As with prior entries in the series, this sale offers a concentrated selection of rare printed and manuscript material related to astronomy, natural history, biology, mathematics, physics, medicine, and technology, as well as fine scientific artifacts and instruments.

The sale opens with a section on Astronomy and Scientific Instruments, highlighted by a 17th century manuscript defense of Galileo, as well as a large Antoine-Joseph Meurand brass equinoctial dial. The following section, which we have titled “Life and Earth Sciences,” features a number of important natural historical and biological works, including a series of outstanding Darwin letters and texts. Among these are a 7 page Autograph Letter Signed of Darwin praising Charles Lyell, acknowledged by Darwin as his forerunner; a first edition of the journal of the voyage of the Beagle including a rare prospectus; a dual publication of Darwin and Alfred Wallace, being the first announcement of the theory of evolution by natural selection; and a first edition, first issue of On the Origin of Species. The section also includes an unusual artifact of the history of medicine, being an original penicillin mold culture originating from the discoverer of the antibiotic, Alexander Fleming.

The “Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry” section opens with an Autograph Manuscript Signed of Isaac Newton and a first edition in English of his Principia. The section also features one of the most delightful surprises of the sale: a stunning photograph album detailing Alexander Graham Bell’s experiments with tetrahedral kites, several photos bearing Bell’s annotations and nearly all initialed by him.

Among several Einstein items in the section, we are proud to offer—one hundred years after its initial publication—a copy of the first edition, monograph issue of the General Theory of Relativity, signed and inscribed by Einstein. In the inscription, which was added in 1938, Einstein offers retrospective assessment of the theory and its place within Unified Field Theory: “Gravitational theory has meanwhile proven itself. Its connection to Maxwell’s electromagnetic theory … should also prove to be correct. On the other hand, the connection to atomic and quantum theory remains obscure” (translation). This is the only copy of the General Theory that we trace which bears a scientific inscription.

The final section of the sale is devoted to cipher equipment of the World War II era, and includes Enigma machines, a NEMA cipher machine, Soviet intercept equipment, and a World War II signalbuch of the German Kreigs marine, a very rare survival. (Please see a special introduction to the section on page 52.) Closing the sale are two lots relating to the development of television, and an important and early Apple publication inscribed by Steve Jobs.

The above represent only a few of the highlights of the sale, and at 98 lots each item bears a closer look. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the department with questions.

Catherine Williamson, Ph.D.
Vice President, Director

ORDER OF SALE

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1023-1060 Life & Earth Sciences
1061-1085 Mathematics, Physics & Chemistry
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BUYER’S GUIDE

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Auction previews are your chance to inspect each lot prior to the auction. We encourage you to look closely and examine each object on which you may want to bid so that you will know as much as possible about it. Except as expressly set forth in the Conditions of Sale, items are sold “as is” and with all faults; illustrations in our catalog, website and other materials are provided for identification only. At the previews, our staff is always available to answer your questions and guide you through the auction process. Condition reports may be available upon request.

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In Person

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Absentee Bids

As a service to those wishing to place bids, we may at our discretion accept bids without charge in advance of auction online or in writing on bidding forms available from us. “Buy” bids will not be accepted; all bids must state the highest price the bidder is willing to pay. Our auction staff will try to bid just as you would, with the goal of obtaining the item at the lowest bid price possible. In the event identical bids are submitted, the earliest bid submitted will take precedence. Absentee bids shall be executed in competition with other absentee bids, any applicable reserve, and bids from other auction participants. A friend or agent may place bids on your behalf, provided that we have received your written authorization prior to the sale. Absentee bid forms are available in our catalogs, online at www.bonhams.com/us, at offsite auction locations, and at our San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York galleries.

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- $50-200 ......................... by $10s
- $200-500 ....................... by $20/50/100s
- $500-1,000 .................... by $50s
- $1,000-2,000 .................. by $100s
- $2,000-5,000 .................. by $200/500/800s
- $5,000-10,000 ............... by $500s
- $10,000-25,000 .............. by $1,000s
- $20,000-50,000 ............. by $2,000/5,000/8,000s
- $50,000-100,000 .......... by $5,000s
- $100,000-200,000 ........... by $10,000s
- above $200,000 .................. at auctioneer’s discretion

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All sales are final and subject to the Conditions of Sale found in our catalogs, on our website, and available at the reception desk.

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Sales Tax

Residents of states listed in Paragraph 1 of the Conditions of Sale must pay applicable sales tax. Other state or local taxes (or compensation use taxes) may apply. Sales tax will be automatically added to the invoice unless a valid resale number has been furnished or the property is shipped via common carrier to destinations outside the states listed in the Conditions of Sale. If you wish to use your resale license please contact Cashiers for our form.

Shipping & Removal

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International buyers are responsible for all import/export customs duties and taxes. An invoice stating the actual purchase price will accompany all international purchases.

Collection of Purchases

Please arrange for the packing and transport of your purchases prior to collection at our office. If you are sending a third party shipper, please request a release form from us and return it to +1 (212) 644 9009 prior to your scheduled pickup. To schedule collection of purchases, please call +1 (212) 644 9001.

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1. As used herein, the term “bid price” means the price at which a lot is successfully knocked down to the purchaser. The term “purchase price” means the aggregate of (a) the bid price, (b) a PREMIUM retained by us and payable by the purchaser EQUAL TO 25% OF THE FIRST $150,000 OF THE BID PRICE, 20% OF THE AMOUNT OF THE BID PRICE ABOVE $150,000 UP TO AND INCLUDING $3,000,000, AND 12% OF THE AMOUNT OF THE BID PRICE OVER $3,000,000, and (c) unless the purchaser is exempt by law from the payment thereof, any Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington, D.C., Washington state, or other state or local sales tax (or compensating use tax) and other applicable taxes. With regard to New York sales tax, please refer to the “Sales and Use Tax” section of these Conditions of Sale.

2. On the fall of the auctioneer’s hammer, the highest bidder shall have purchased the offered lot in accordance and subject to compliance with all of the conditions set forth herein and (a) assumes full risk and responsibility therefor, (b) if requested will sign a confirmation of purchase, and (c) will pay the purchase price in full or such part as we may require for all lots purchased. No lot may be withdrawn. Any person placing a bid as agent on behalf of another (whether or not such person has disclosed that fact or the identity of the principal) may be jointly and severally liable with the principal under any contract resulting from the acceptance of a bid.

Unless otherwise agreed, payment in good funds is due and payable within five (5) business days following the auction sale. Whenever the purchaser pays only a part of the total purchase price for one or more lots purchased, we may apply such payments, in our sole discretion, to the lot or lots we choose. Payment will not be deemed made in full until we have collected good funds for all amounts due.

Payment for purchases may be made in or by (a) cash, (b) cashier’s check or money order, (c) personal check with approved credit drawn on a U.S. bank, (d) wire transfer or other immediate bank transfer, or (e) Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover credit, charge or debit card. A processing fee will be assessed on any returned checks. Please note that the amount of cash may vary and each cash payment that can be accepted from a given purchaser may be limited.

The purchaser grants us a security interest in the property, and we may retain as collateral security for the purchaser’s obligations to us, any property and all monies held or received by us for the account of the purchaser, in our possession. We retain all rights of a secured party under the California Commercial Code. If the foregoing conditions or any other applicable conditions herein are not complied with, in addition to other remedies available to us and considered by law, including without limitation, the right to hold the purchaser liable for the purchase price, we at our option may either (a) cancel the sale, retaining as liquidated damages all payments made by the purchaser or (b) resell the property, either publicly or privately, and in such event the purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency plus all costs and expenses of both sales, our commission at our standard rates, all other charges due hereunder, attorneys’ fees, expenses and incidental damages. In addition, where two or more amounts are owed in respect of different transactions by the purchaser to us, to Bonhams 1793 Limited and/or to any of our other affiliates, subsidiaries or parent companies worldwide within the Bonhams Group, we reserve the right to apply any monies paid in respect of a transaction to discharge any amount owed by the purchaser. If all fees, commissions, premiums, bid price and other sums due from the purchaser are not paid promptly as provided in these Conditions of Sale, we reserve the right to impose a finance charge equal to 1.5% per month on all amounts due to us beginning on the 31st day following the sale until payment is received, in addition to other remedies available to us by law.

3. We reserve the right to withdraw any property and to divide and combine lots at any time before such property’s auction. Unless otherwise announced by the auctioneer at the time of sale, all bids are per lot as numbered in the catalog and no lots shall be divided or combined for sale.

4. We reserve the right to reject a bid from any bidder, to split any bidding increment, and to advance the bidding in any manner the auctioneer may decide. In the event of any dispute between bidders, or in the event the auctioneer doubts the validity of any bid, the auctioneer shall have sole and final discretion either to determine the successful bidder or to re-offer and resell the article in dispute. If any dispute arises after the sale, our sales records shall be conclusive in all respects.

5. If we are prevented by fire, theft or any other reason whatsoever from delivering any property to the purchaser or a sale otherwise cannot be completed, our liability shall be limited to the sum actually paid therefor by the purchaser and shall in no event include any compensatory, incidental or consequential damages.

6. If a lot is offered subject to a reserve, we may implement such reserve by bidding on behalf of the consignor, whether by opening bidding or continuing bidding in response to other bidders until reaching the reserve. If we have an interest in an offered lot and the proceeds therefrom other than our commissions, we may bid therefor to protect such interest. CONSIGNORS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BID ON THEIR OWN ITEMS. 7. All statements contained in the catalog or in any bill of sale, condition report, invoice or elsewhere as to authorship, period, culture, source, origin, importance, cultivation and literature of historical relevance, or physical condition ARE QUALIFIED STATEMENTS OF OPINION AND NOT REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES. No employee or agent of Bonhams is authorized to make on our behalf or on that of the consignor any representation or warranty, oral or written, with respect to any property.

8. All purchased property shall be removed from the premises at which the sale is conducted by the date(s) and time(s) set forth in the “Buyer’s Guide” portion of the catalog. If not so removed, daily storage fees will be payable to us by the purchaser as set forth therein. We reserve the right to transfer property not so removed to an offsite warehouse at the purchaser’s risk and expense, as set forth in more detail in the “Buyer’s Guide.” Accounts must be settled in full before property will be released. Payments are received by Bonhams and paid to the consignor. No interest will be paid on any remittances or claims brought against the consignor by the purchaser of lots consigned hereunder shall be resolved by the procedures set forth below.

SALES AND USE TAX

New York sales tax is charged on the hammer price, buyer’s premium and any other applicable charges on any property collected or delivered in New York State, regardless of the state or country in which the purchaser resides or does business. Persons who make direct arrangements for collection by a shipper who is considered a “private” or “contract” carrier by the New York Department of Taxation and Finance will be charged New York sales tax, regardless of the destination of the property. Property collected for delivery to a destination outside of New York by a shipper who is considered a “common carrier” by the New York Department of Taxation and Finance (e.g. United States Postal Service, United Parcel Service, and FedEx) is not subject to New York sales tax, but if it is delivered into any state in which Bonhams is registered or otherwise conducts business sufficient to establish a nexus, Bonhams may be required by law to collect and remit the appropriate sales tax in effect in such state. Property collected for delivery outside of the United States by a freight-forwarder who is registered with the Transportation Security Administration (“TSA”) is not subject to New York sales tax.

MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURES

(a) Within 30 days of written notice that there is a dispute, the parties or their authorized and empowered representatives shall meet by telephone and/or in person to mediate their differences. If the parties agree, a mutually acceptable mediator shall be selected and the parties will equally share such mediator’s fees. The mediator shall be a retired judge or an attorney familiar with commercial law and trained in or qualified by experience in handling arbitrations. Any communications made during the mediation process shall not be admissible in any subsequent arbitration, mediation or judicial proceeding. All proceedings and any resolutions thereof shall be confidential, and the terms governing arbitration set forth in paragraph (c) below shall govern.

(b) If mediation does not resolve all disputes between the parties, or in any event no longer than 60 days after receipt of the written notice of dispute referred to above, the parties shall submit the dispute for binding arbitration before a single neutral arbitrator. Such arbitrator shall be a retired judge or an attorney familiar with commercial law and trained in or qualified by experience in handling arbitrations. Such arbitrator shall make all appropriate disclosures required by law. The arbitrator shall be drawn from a panel of a national arbitration service agreed to by the parties, and shall be selected as follows: (i) if the national arbitration service has specific rules or procedures, those rules or procedures shall be followed; (ii) if the national arbitration service does not have rules or procedures for the selection of an arbitrator, the
arbitrator shall be an individual jointly agreed to by the parties. If the parties cannot agree on a national arbitration service, the arbitration shall be conducted by the American Arbitration Association, and the arbitrator shall be selected in accordance with the Rules of the American Arbitration Association. The arbitrator’s award shall be in writing and shall set forth findings of fact and legal conclusions.

(c) Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties or provided by the published rules of the national arbitration service:

(i) the arbitration shall occur within 60 days following the selection of the arbitrator;

(ii) the arbitration shall be conducted in the designated location, as follows: (A) in any case in which the subject auction by Bonhams took place or was scheduled to take place in the State of New York or Connecticut or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the arbitration shall take place in New York City, New York; (B) in all other cases, the arbitration shall take place in the city of San Francisco, California; and

(iii) discovery and the procedure for the arbitration shall be as follows:

(A) All arbitration proceedings shall be confidential;

(B) The parties shall submit written briefs to the arbitrator no later than 15 days before the arbitration commences;

(C) Discovery, if any, shall be limited as follows: (I) Requests for no more than 10 categories of documents, to be provided to the requesting party within 14 days of written request therefor; (II) No more than two (2) depositions per party, provided however, the deposition(s) are to be completed within one (1) day; (III) Compliance with the above shall be enforced by the arbitrator in accordance with California law;

(D) Each party shall have no longer than eight (8) hours to present its position. The entire hearing before the arbitrator shall not take longer than three (3) consecutive days;

(E) The award shall be made in writing no more than 30 days following the end of the proceeding. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered by any court having jurisdiction thereof.

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SELLER’S GUIDE

SELLING AT AUCTION

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• Attend one of our Auction Appraisal Events held regularly at our galleries and in other major metropolitan areas. The updated schedule for Bonhams Auction Appraisal Events is available at www.bonhams.com/us.

• Call our Client Services Department to schedule a private appointment at one of our galleries. If you have a large collection, our specialists can travel, by appointment, to evaluate your property on site.

• Send clear photographs of us to each individual item, including item dimensions and other pertinent information with each picture. Photos should be sent to Bonhams’ address in envelopes marked as “photo auction estimate”. Alternatively, you can submit your request using our online form at www.bonhams.com/us. Digital images may be attached to the form. Please limit your images to no more than five (5) per item.

CONSIGNING YOUR PROPERTY

After you receive an estimate, you may consign your property to us for sale in the next appropriate auction. Our staff assists you throughout the process, arranging transportation of your items to our galleries (at the consignor’s expense), providing a detailed inventory of your consignment, and reporting the prices realized for each lot. We provide secure storage for your property in our warehouses and all items are insured throughout the auction process. You will receive payment for your property approximately 35 days after completion of sale.

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Bonhams’ specialists conduct insurance and fair market value appraisals for private collectors, corporations, museums, fiduciaries and government entities on a daily basis. Insurance appraisals, used for insurance purposes, reflect the cost of replacing property in today’s retail market. Fair market value appraisals are used for estate, tax and family division purposes and reflect prices paid by a willing buyer to a willing seller.

When we conduct a private appraisal, our specialists will prepare a thorough inventory listing of all your appraised property by category. Valuations, complete descriptions and locations of items are included in the documentation.

Appraisal fees vary according to the nature of the collection, the amount of work involved, the travel distance, and whether the property is subsequently consigned for auction.

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CONDITIONS OF SALE - CONTINUED

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