

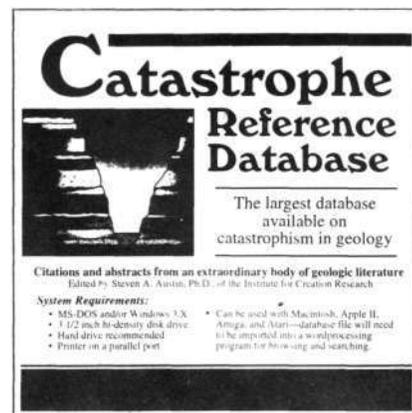
CatastroRef — Catastrophe Reference Database

New Creationist Software Available
from
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You can now use your MS-DOS home computer as a valuable creationist reference tool! The Institute for Creation Research has introduced into the educational software market a new database on catastrophism in geology. The long name of the database is **Catastrophe Reference Database: Catastrophes in Earth History, Geologic Evidence, Speculation and Theory**. Many who work with the database refer to it by its much shorter nickname: **CatastroRef** (pronounced: ca-TAS'-tro-ref). This database is a compendium of source citations and abstracts from an extraordinary body of geologic literature. Local, regional and global catastrophes in Earth history are the primary subjects. This database contains documentation that challenges the notion that the Earth slowly evolved to its present configuration. Some of the most cherished notions of uniformitarian ge-

ology are questioned by scholarly and scientific documentation. The database and support files occupy 1.2 megabytes, making it the largest database available on catastrophism in geology. As far as we know, this is the first creationist software package being marketed to the public. The database was constructed over a period of 25 years by Dr Steven A. Austin.

Do you find yourself receiving a barrage of uniformitarian logic from those sceptical of Creation and Noah's Hood? Do you want to take the offensive with evidence and theory which counters the conventional dogma of geology? **Catastrophe Reference Database** has been made for you! Special efforts have been taken to provide you a software package which is both easy to work with and useful to your investigations. Whereas some background in the basic vocabulary of geology is help-



ful, most of this database is in plain English and is comprehensible by those without specific training in the sciences.

The database is designed for home computers having MS-DOS with or without Windows. A 3.5-inch, hi-density floppy-disk drive is needed to read, search and print the files. A hard drive and printer on a parallel port are recommended. It is possible to adapt part of the data file to non-MS-DOS computers.

Catastrophe Reference Database (version 1.1) can be purchased for US\$27.95, UK£18.25 or A\$37.95 (prices include postage) from any of these Creation Science Ministries Group offices/see addresses on the subscription information page).

QUOTABLE QUOTE: Plant Evolution

'Together, the new discoveries are a useful reminder that we know less than we think about the plant diversity of 200 or 100 million years ago, and highlight the fact that we are still missing groups that may be key elements in understanding seed-plant phylogeny and the origin of flowering plants.'

— Crane, P. R., 1993. Time for the angiosperms. **Nature**, 366, p. 632.