

# catastrophism *(ca-tas-tro-phism)*

## Definition

n. a theory that Earth's features are shaped by sudden events.

## Example Sentence

The theory of **catastrophism** suggests that Earth has been shaped by sudden, short-lived, violent events.

## More Example Sentences

**Catastrophism** explains sudden changes on Earth.

## Synonyms

disaster theory; sudden change; upheaval

## Antonyms

gradualism; uniformitarianism

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