



A 100 MILLION YEAR JOURNEY

HOW AN ANCIENT SEA CREATURE DIED IN 100,000,000 BC AND TRAVELLED THROUGH TIME TO COME BACK TO LIFE IN 2000 AD

Your Namestone is approximately 100 million years old. It was carved out of an ancient sea bed formation that used to be the gulf of Mexico when it washed over all of Texas. The stone contains many crushed sea shell fossils in it's matrix. You may notice some partially intact remains of a shellfish that once crawled on the planet, died, was buried... and then **CAME BACK TO LIFE ON YOUR STONE!**

SEA SHELLS AND THEIR DEEPER SYMBOLIC MEANING

According to wikipedia, "The foundational meaning behind the sea shell is its allusion to the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In the Roman Catholic Church, a sea shell is often used to pour water over the head of the child being baptized. Thus, a sea shell is used to evoke the imagery of this rite which makes one a part of the Body of Christ and is foundational to the Christian life. "

SOME ANIMALS THAT ARE EMBEDDED IN NAMESTONES

Some common types of fossils in the sea bed formation include **A.** Ammonites (coiled-shelled animals related to squid), **B.** serpulid worm tubes, snail steinkerns (internal molds) such as **C.** *Tylostoma* and **D.** *Anchura*, bivalves such as **F.** the oyster *Texigryphea*, **G.** the scallop *Neithea* (left), and the clam *Lima waconensis* (right), **H.** Various clam steinkerns, often called "deer hearts"; **I.** regular (round) urchins, **J.** heart urchins, and **K.** *Porocystis*, which looks like a ball with many small pores and a larger opening at one end. It has often been mistaken for a sponge, but is actually an algal fruiting body.

