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Ad Astra - Toward the Heavens

True Freeware from Coeli,
creators of the widely acclaimed Stella 2000 Virtual Observatory

Approach the skies with this accessible and easy-to-use 32-bit planetarium. Adastra's varied and powerful functions are a significant **subset** of the acclaimed astronomy shareware package **Stella 2000**, offering highly realistic views of the night sky from any place on Earth or point in time. Adastra presents an intuitive toolbar-driven interface promoting flexible manipulation of its real-time sky display, with efficient center, zoom, unzoom, directional and panning functions.

A single mouse click will bring a comprehensive report on any object visible in the sky at the moment of observation. Adastra will smoothly animate solar system objects in two modes against a stellar backdrop, create printable finder charts, search for constellations, DSOs, stars, and objects within the Solar System, in either point-source, spotlight, or the new photoplate display styles. Added to all of which, Adastra is the best-value astronomical program available anywhere on or off the Net.   It ought to be - it's free!

Registration is not a requirement but multiple upgrade paths to more exciting   and advanced Coeli titles are accessible right here from within Adastra FREESTAR. Take a look.

Please refer to the Adastra **Guide** [F1] for details of all program operations. Functions present in Adastra will be marked *Adastra*. Others are integral to Adastra Plus or **Stella 2000**, a *fully functional* trial copy of which can be downloaded right here or from the site where you obtained Adastra.

At the outset, it will be worth perusing the Coeli **Overview** from the Help menu and running through the section entitled **A Quick Excursion around Your Coeli Software**. Many of the facilities and functions introduced here are   accessible from Stella's 'little sister' Adastra, and by following the tutorial you will learn a lot not only about the array of shortcut keypresses, but also about the mechanics and movement of the heavens in general.