

# Fossil Descent

In a zoology course, in a small community college the students were given a container of fasteners and told to arrange them from simple to more complex according to the rules of evolutionary taxonomy. After the exercise was over the student had arranged the various nails, tacks, pins, wires, and screws in an evolutionary order from generalized to specialized. This was used to show how organisms could evolve.

Even though none of the fasteners had evolved the students were able to arrange them in similar evolutionary sequences. Like various fossil arrangements purporting to show evolution the class exercise had no basis in reality. What made the class exercise fascinating was that this concept escaped not only the other students but also the professor (Mendez 2001).

Any set of created objects, whether created by man or God can be arranged in a way that will seem to indicate that evolution has taken place, when in fact no evolution has occurred.

**These arrangements simply indicate that each object was independently created for a specific purpose.**