There are facts of evolution. Natural Selection is the Theory

Darwin - The Origin of the Species

"Not one living species will transmit as unaltered likeness to a distant futurity."

"Natura non facit saltum"

Darwin - Descent of Man

"The most humble organism is something much higher than the inorganic dust under our feet."

- "... if he is to advance still higher, it is feared that he must remain subject to a severe struggle."
- "... the fact of his having thus risen, instead of having been aboriginally placed here, may give him hope for a still higher destiny in the distant future.