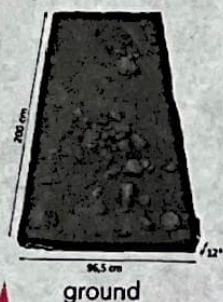


## GENEALOGY OF BIFURCATION

From the caveman to the toaster, the task of managing fire is the pre-eminent catalyst of technological and therefore cultural evolution. Progressing through history, the fireplace's various functions branch off into discrete devices, so while the fireplace seems to have virtually disappeared by the mid 20th century, in fact, combustion is ubiquitous, disguised in multiple offshoots and derivatives...



barbecue



ground



floor



wall



fireplace

fireplace

fire

place

pit



candle



smoking

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THE GROWING "FIREPLACE"  
The modernization of the fireplace reveals two distinct  
opposing tendencies: as its functions diversify  
into multiple devices (oven, TV, its warming function  
is centralized and systematized. The energy needed  
for both is exhaled further and further from the hearth,  
culminating in the nuclear power plant.

