

(...) If I ask you how many fingers you have, you will probably answer “five”. That I believe to be an incorrect answer, I believe is, “Gregory you are asking a question wrongly”. In the process of human growth, there is surely no word which means finger, and no word which means five. There might be a word for “branching”, a command of some sort identifying the contingencies of branching. If that is so, then the right question would be: How many relations between pairs of fingers do you have? And the correct answer, of course, is four. The relation between one and two, the relation between two and three, between three and four, four and five. (...)

You should be counting not the things which are related, but the relationships; not the relata, but the relationships. How many branchings did it take to make a hand? Not how many fingers were a result of those branchings. Look at your hand now. (...)