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A Common Delusion

Contrary
to popular opinion,
there is no such thing
as an ant.
There is only ants.
To consider this creature as individual
denies the singularity
of its plurality;
demonstrates a complete
misunderstanding of its nature.
My confident colleague,
eager to set me right,
gingerly grasps an example.
"Here, between my thumb and index finger,
I hold an ant."
I make great show
of examining his holding
before I break the news:
"That, dear friend,
is a piece of ants."

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