

'Multitude' (pub. 11.09.14-13:31). Quote in M. Bergman & S. Paavola (Eds.), *The Commens Dictionary: Peirce's Terms in His Own Words. New Edition*. Retrieved from <http://www.commens.org/dictionary/entry/quote-multitude-and-number-0>.

Term: Multitude

Quote: I shall use the word *multitude* to denote that character of a collection by virtue of which it is greater than some collections and less than others, provided the collection is *discrete*, that is, provided the constituent units of the collection are or may be distinct. But when the units lose their individual identity because the collection exceeds every positive existence of the universe, the word *multitude* ceases to be applicable. I will take the word *multiplicity* to mean the greatness of any collection discrete or continuous.

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1897). *Multitude and Number*. MS [R] 25.

References: CP 4.175

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