Term: Retrospective Science  
Quote: ...since the beginning of the nineteenth century, when Coleridge so defined it in the opening dissertation to the *Encyclopaedia Metropolitana*, non-scientific people have generally understood “science” to mean systematized knowledge.  
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The present writer [---] will call science in the Coleridgean sense *retrospective science*.


References: EP 2:372

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