Term: Retroduction

Quote: There are in science three fundamentally different kinds of reasoning, Deduction (called by Aristotle {synagógé} or {anagógé}), Induction (Aristotle’s and Plato’s {epagógé}) and Retroduction (Aristotle’s {apagógé}, but misunderstood because of corrupt text, and as misunderstood usually translated abduction). Besides these three, Analogy (Aristotle’s {paradeigma}) combines the characters of Induction and Retroduction.


References: CP 1.65

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