SEMANTIC ARCHAEOLOGY:

Some Thoughts about Lexical Change

Words are **nt** layers that ied speech. Some fossil Others get con xical debris. **Still others ble** ustic sheets fragmenting on to a constant of histor ns language is in countless ways: words become twisted till inchoate. ne terms, though faithful to their original sou imply things formerly not f lands far away Others, taken change our thinkin utate our brains. How much ocabulary will remain beyo tumultuous age? And as humans with rcreasingly interface, will it transform h communicate?

- *Linda* : Most readers today can barely follow Chaucer, who wrote a mere four hundred years ago.
- *Lis* : Yep, can you imagine how language will change in another four hundred years?
- *Ron*: Well, I'm not confident that humans will be around in another four hundred years.
- *Lex* : (sipping a beer) Yep! At times I wonder if our species will last even forty years!

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