The reading and the lecture are both about the book named Voynich manuscript which has written four or five centuries ago and it is very mysterious that no one has been able to decode the script. The author of the reading claims 3 theories to prove that this book is not original. The lecturer casts doubt on the claims made by the article. He thinks that this book is original and has not written by those three people whose the reading mentioned.

First of all, the author claims that the manuscript is made by magic and science of Ascham. This point is challenged by the lecturer. He says that Ascham was an ordinary physician not a scientist, and the plant that the reading mentioned about is a common herb which has written in well-known sources.

Secondly, the author states that this manuscript is not real and made by a man whose name was Kelly and he did it for money. The lecturer rebuts this. He believes that the man was not good at tricking people. Furthermore, he points out that people in that century were easy to fool, so it was not necessary for Kellly to do such a hard work.

finally, although the author of the reading claims that the book is fake and has written by Voynich himself, the lecturer counters that argument by asserting that the ink and the vellum which used to write the book are about 400 years old, so it is not possible for Voynich to find a 400 years old ink to write that manuscript.