The reading states that there are three theories about how Agnostids may have lived and survived, on the other hand, the lecture proves that all the theories expressed in the passage are practically impossible.

First of all, the passage bring up the idea that Agnostids may have been free-swimming predators that feed on smaller animals because other types of primitive arthropods were strong and active prodators, on the contrary, the listening claims that it is not true because unlike other primitive arthropods, Agnostids had tiny and poorly developed eyes and sometimes they were blind, so, for catching up the prays they should have had other sensory organs but there is no evidence of this in fossil record.

Secondly, the reading passage asserts that Agnostids may have lived on the seafloor, but, in the listening the professor claims that seafloor dwellers were not able to swim far and fast and would rather stay in localized areas but Agnostids stayed in multiple geographics area which shows that Agnostids could have swum fast and far.

Finally, the reading passage believes that Agnostids could have been parasites and they feed on larger animals, however, the lecture rejects this claim. The professor points out the fact that the population of the parasites are not large because the large amount of parasites would kill the host organism they live on, whereas, the population of the Agnostids was large .