

## SCIENCE FICTION

# “BLEACHED”

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**I**'m captivated by the purple sky. Am I missing something, or is something coming?

“Earth to Anna. Are we here? Hello?” asked Gale, snapping his fingers before Anna’s face. “I’ve been calling you literally for the last ten minutes!! You look quite tense. Are you okay?”

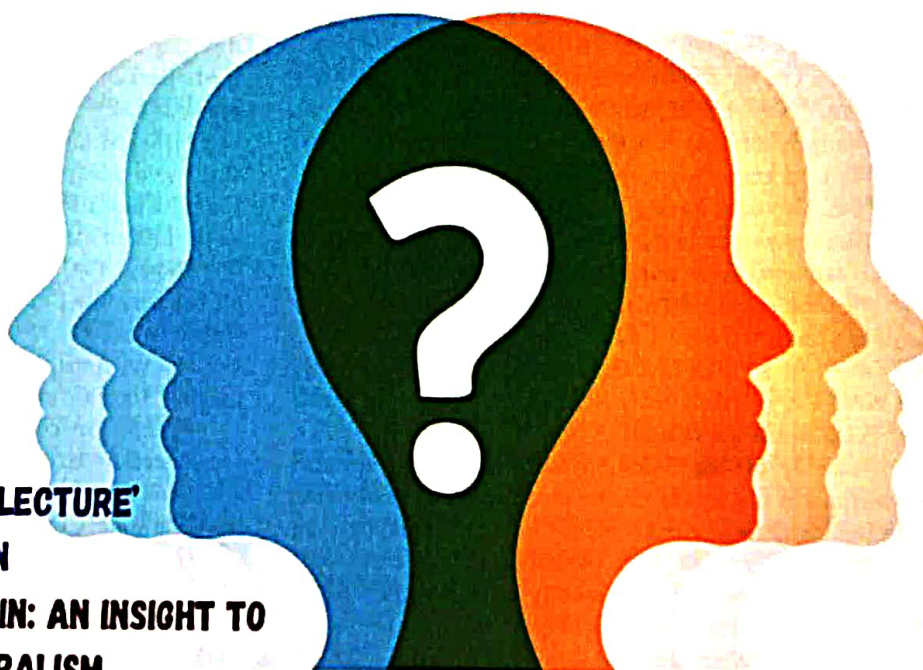
“I’ll be fine”, replied Anna, hesitating at the last word. “So, where are we going now?”

“To that lecture, you’ve been going crazy for the last couple of days.”

“Really? I don’t remember”, said Anna, raising her eyebrows.

“Well, if that’s the case, then let’s just go there and bring back your LOST MEMORIES”, winked Gale, teasing Anna.

The poster before the entrance somehow returned Anna’s ‘lost’ excitement.



**‘A PUBLIC LECTURE’**

**ON**

**VOICES FROM WITHIN: AN INSIGHT TO  
BICAMERALISM**

**BY**

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“We sometimes wonder if our brain has a sister inside itself, talking back to us whenever we try to think. According to Julian Jaynes’ *The Origins of Consciousness in the Breakdown of the Bicameral Mind*, Man had no consciousness but obeyed the Gods’ voices in his earliest stage. Today, Science has shown us that the human mind can take any form and shape our existence. The realisation of the importance of the ‘Outward Wits’ in shaping our ‘Inward Wits’ has always been seen even in the earliest manuscripts of *Literature, Science and Philosophy*. The hypothesis of a two-chambered brain model has reverberated the world of neuroscience and created a window to explore the endless regions of our consciousness.”

“What are you looking at? Are you sure you’re okay? Because you seem very distracted today”, asked Gale, with a tone of concern.

“I thought the person from behind was whispering something in my ear. I guess it’s just me”, said Anna, not recovering from what she heard.

The two-hour lecture was exhausting and strangely satisfying in that the attendees expected more from the expert who had just finished delivering his speech. People were storming towards the guest with tons of questions.

“Dr Unger...”

“Yes, of course. Mr Unger, how can you justify that we can control the dual nature of our minds when most of us are