

NS 100 Comments Fall 2004

1. My favorite part about the class was the discussions because it helped me get a better understanding of science. Before I didn't know a lot but I now about things like magnetism, plate tectonics, and electromagnetic fields. You explained everything in a simple way that it was easy to understand. Even though some of the things were difficult they made sense once you explained them. One of the things that I liked also was that you made funny comments or remarks that didn't make me get bored. You have the ability to make people laugh without an effort. I'm saying this because I think is a good quality. Overall, this class was fun and it made me realize some things that I didn't know before. I really liked the website because it was accesible and it had all the information that we needed just in case we didn't show up to class. I really enjoyed taking this class.
2. The thing I liked most about your class Tony was that it was actually interesting to go to. You didn't just teach it straight forward there was always something you were able to connect with. THis made it a lot easier to actually come to class since we really didn't have too. I really do like the online tests but sometimes they are difficult because the question can not be found in the book and that gets very stressful. I really like the website, it is a fun and easy way to access anything from grades to what we covered in class that day if we happened to be sick. What I liked most was that you realized we do have lives and a million other classes and you listened to us and did what was in our best interest, not what was easiest to you. I thank you for that because a lot of teacher forget to think we are human.
3. My favorite part of this class was learning the many differnet parts of science that i didn't know. i loved learning about our solar system and the universe all together. i loved learning about space and how there is no suck thing as empty space in this universe. but my favorite was learning about the brain and how it functions. i did not like the fact that the class was at 9am and also i thought the homeworks and test were kind of hard. Besides that i thought i was an awesome class. i loved the websire because it always kept me on track and informed me when assignmenst and test are due and also ill be albe to check my grade. I give the website an A+. and tony dude you crack me up your one funy guy.
4. My favorite part of this class was probably the lectures. For a class that I thought was not going to be very interesting, you intrigued my interest. Your humor also was very entertaining and kept the class interesting. The movies shown are always on topic, but yet very interesting too. The last movie, Star Trek, we watched I thought was the best and it really let me start to think about if machines are alive or not. I have never really thought of something like that. After the first test, I thought I was going to have to retake this class, but I am glad you took the time to change the test and give us extra assignments and allow us to bring up our grade. Not all teachers care if their students pass or not. The website you created I thought was very nice to have. I love knowing everything that is going on in a class and that website definitely let us know if we missed class. Not all teachers take the time and effort to create a website like that and I appreciated it.
5. My favorite part of this class was that we did not have that many assignments to do other than the homework questions and the alternative assignments. I love the fact that we were allowed to use our books and notes for the test. That was really helpful because I can't imagine studying all that information for a test. The class was very straight forward. You were fair for most part of the semester. However, your tests were somewhat difficult. Having the online tests was very convenient, especially when you have other midterms to do that day. It helped me a lot. The website is the best website I have ever seen. NO JOKE! You explained assignments and announcements very detailed and helped many students who were not able to make it to class or who did not understand the lecture. You posted our grades on there, the study guide, the lecture notes, and you also linked other websites to help us comprehend the subject matter better. I enjoyed this class, and I enjoyed attending class because of your fun, energetic personality.

6. I liked this class a lot. My favorite part was just talking about things whether it be politics or Nebraska football, or even science if you can believe it. I like the way Tony involved the class in his discussions & he wasn't afraid to single someone out or to call on anyone. I mean I was accused of a drug habit because I wear flip-flops, the class was awesome. The website was very helpful & I did like having it as a constant reference point for the class, & I liked the way you taught this semester a lot more than the way you've taught it other semesters (I've talked to other people).

7. Well the question was already mentioned earlier in the test so the answer should hopefully be there unless I did not know it. I really like the laid back ness of the class. If you could not make it to class you did not need to worry because you could get whatever information you needed off the internet. The class information was really difficult and hard to understand though. It was really challenging and it was so much information at one time just thrown at you. I'm glad there was not too much homework, but the assignments took a lot of time and effort for the single weekend they are to be finished in. The instructor was nice and when we all felt stressed he would give us extensions and try to adjust things to better fit how we wanted them. The website was very helpful and a quick way to look up grades and see what was going on for the rest of the semester. I could tell that a lot of time was put into it so that we could all enjoy it and actually get something out of it. All the links that we attached to it only helped to give more information and a more depth explanation of the material.

8. My favorite part was being in class because Tony your really funny. i don't think I've ever had a e teacher who makes me laugh so much. the one thing i remember the most is that day you were trying to get our attention and you asked what we did on the weekend and no one would really answer so you asked if any one went running naked on the beach and then in the end you said something like "come on, did any one get there girlfriend pregnant?" i thought that was really funny and oh yeah that one time about the permanents that was funny too. over all the class as a whole was great you really did have a way for catching my attention and not just try to over load us with a whole bunch of information. the only thing i didn't really like was the last test because i couldn't take the one i was suppose to and having certain time to do it(like this test as well) is a little hard because that day i was having the worst day of my life(the day i took test 3) then i had to take the test after my car nearly burned jijiji see that was a really bad day... ok fine maybe i over exaggerated a little it just over heated and see how bad i did ... that was horrible anyways the website was really help for for the days i was absent to class at least i would get an idea of what i should be studying and things like that.. I'm really glad i got to take this class with you Tony i had lots of fun... in fact this is the first time i can really say that i like science because that's one of my worst subjects

9. My favorite part of this class would have to be these online tests and submitting homework online. I did like the website because you always posted stuff and we could always go back to the lectures online. Because you had everything online, there really wasn't any reason to go to class. But I went to every class meeting. Lecture is still important. But for those who never showed up to class could always check online for updates of tests and homework. I do have to admit that the tests were confusing and were tricky. But having it open book made it really easy. The last extra credit assignment was a lot of work. I didn't do it because there was too much. I should have done it for at least a few points but I guess I was too lazy. I think you should keep the website because it helps. Right now, while doing this comprehensive final, i have another window open and it's your website so that i could just go to the book and check the chapters. thanks.

10. My favorite part of the class is how Tony makes it interesting to learn about science. Natural science is already an interesting topic to me and he makes it more interesting. I've learned a lot more than I have ever learned about science. The most interesting part for me would have to be Quantum theory. This was the first time I had ever learned about Quantum's, I find it to be very fascinating. I find it hard to believe but however it makes a lot more sense as I'm learning about it. In some ways we are all bound together but in other ways we are not. Another fascinating thing would have to be reading Bryson. I have never read such an interesting book about science. My favorite part of the book would have to be the chapter on Newton, because he was such a crazy experimenter. It's like the book was talking to me. The only thing that I didn't like about the class was that I felt like I didn't have to show up everyday, although it was interesting. Tony shouldn't have said that we didn't have to show up everyday that stuck in my mind for the whole semester. I found the website to be very helpful. It was great to keep students up to date on what is going on and what is due and what chapters we are on.

11. I had a couple favorites in this class they were when we went over Space, Quantum physics, Space time and the brain. I had always heard about the complex theories and always wondered how they worked and thanks to the class I have a general understanding of both, although there are some parts of quantum physics that still elude me, such as perceiving how a mass bends space around itself and adds curvature to all of space, and how space is expanding into nothing. I also have greatly wondered about the human brain and how it works, and was surprised to find how simple and complex it is. I knew we had signals going through them but after reading the study done by Hameroff I was amazed to see how much quantum physics helped explain how the brain retains memory and experience. There was really nothing I could say that I didn't like about the class, even when we would go off into some unrelated discussion about politics or something; I actually liked it when that happened because some funny things would be said. As far as the website goes it was very helpful and I did find some very interesting things on it including the piece by Sigmund Freud on how dreams work and how they are interpreted by the mind.

12. I liked your good sense of humor and interaction with the students. I particularly liked the videos they were very interesting. The web-site is awesome and very informative. I wish the other professors would follow your example and use your methods.

13. I liked this class because I learned more about science. Science is just not my strong subject and at least I was able to understand what you were talking about. I liked the fact that the tests were online that made it so much easier for us to take tests. I didn't like that the wording in the tests messed me up and made me get lower test scores. and sometimes the articles were really long and time consuming. I liked the website it's very informative and everything you can possibly need for science can be found there. but most of all I liked your sense of humor.

14. My favorite part of this class was going to class and being made fun of, just kidding. Although that made things interesting. I really do think my favorite part was you. You made this stuff interesting and alive. You brought in creative examples and you have a passion for the information you were giving out. You seemed upset whenever you couldn't finish a lesson or couldn't figure out how to explain a lesson. I liked how you would never give up on trying to make people in the class become engaged in the topic we were learning. The website was super helpful. If for some reason I had to miss class I could easily look up what we learned. I like how if there were any in class announcements that I missed in class they would be waiting at the top of your website for me to discover. The website also gave a lot of extra information that helped me find a better way to understand the topic. There was a lot of information presented, I really liked that. The thing I didn't like about the class is the tests. For some reason I could not get a hold on the tests. I went to class practically everyday and I had all the same resources as everyone else but I still could not pull off a good score. But I don't think that is something you can do; I just have to work on my test taking skills. But it was really good that you switched up the types of tests to try and find one that worked better for us and you. You were always trying to help us out in any way possible, which is what makes a good teacher. Thanks Tony, I really enjoyed your class.

15. I would be honest. i really enjoy to be part of this class, but i believe that jokes are sometimes not necessary in order to have an interesting class, it doesn't mean that i didn't like it, but sometimes is boring to talk about polictics and things like that, I'm not into polictics, and this is just a cience class, but other than that i think you really made an interesting class eventhough i didn't get a good grade, but still fun. About your webpage is amazing, because it really have a great site to explore and learn, i believe you have a great webpage designer. In general i belive this is great idea in order to have a more open oportunities for the students that are not alway able to meet your class on the respective dates, this is great.

well i just want to say thanks for everything i hope i can pass your class, your test are alway kind of confuse jajajja, it's not a joke jajajaj. Thanks

16. My favorite part of this class was Tony. He was a great professor. I liked the way he explained things and made the class fun. I also liked that he gave us extra credit so we could make up points that we had missed. I liked that we could take our test online and during our own time, this made it easier to take the test because i didn't feel the pressure of having to be in class and being watched. I liked to be in the comfort of my dorm room and it made me more comfortable. I also liked the website a lot because it has a lot of information. I can go there anytime to read something i missed in class, or just read it before class so i could understand what Tony would say the next day. It's really helpful because you can go there anytime even if you're not taking the class and you could learn something new. There is nothing i didn't like about this class i really enjoyed being in it and if i could i would take it again.

17. My favorite part of the class was honestly, your daily stand-up comedy acts. I've never really been able to focus in science classes but you made it fun and interesting with you added silly commentary. It is nice that you are able to come to class every day and keep students interested no matter what the topic at hand may be. You are completely passionate about what you do and a college student can smell that kind of proffessor a mile away. I have never been an early riser but sometimes I would just come to your class because I knew it would brighten my day. I also like the fact that you give alternative assignments. These were nice for those students who work their butts off and still aren't satisfied with their grade. The assignments were challenging but we were grateful that they were offered. On the other hand, I really didn't like the way you tested us. No matter how much I studied or made sure I understood the material, I never seemed to be satisfied with my grade. The online testing made it a little easier and less stressful but some of your wording seems a little bit misleading or tricky. I understand that you want us to be able to find the answer for ourselves but then that discourages students try to understand the material if we feel like we're just going to have to play hide and seek for answers in the book. I really like the website you've created. I like how you add your own intellect into it, it shows just how smart you really are! Overall, I've enjoyed the class and I'll make sure you get a good rating on rate my professor. :)

18. I enjoyed everything about the class. It was good atmosphere to learn and have fun. From the moment I came across those doors I knew I was going to learn something new and exciting. There were some things that I learned that made me really think about hard because they were so shocking and difficult to understand. The most pleasant thing about the class is that we did not sit in there and three time a week for an hour so have tedious lectures that are very frequent in a college class. We are very lazy and the class made sense of not boring ourselves to death. There were issues that were said in that class that were more important than sicence and it was worth talking about it. There were a lot of opportunities to get a good grade, but most of us did not cash in in those rare opportunities we had to ameliorate our grades. The Bryson book was very good and the website was very efficient in allowing us to see from our perspective the sciene and interpret in another way what message or concept it was trying to convey. If I had trouble understanding some concepts I always referred to the website and was a major factor for me understanding the idea.

19. I liked this class, it taught me science in an interesting, life-like way. My favorite part would seriously be the teacher... I think that even if Tony taught organic-chem, or calculus (500)--->if that even exist. I would enjoy it, because he brings it to our level. I'm not kidding up, just telling the truth, but I liked the whole CO₂ lecture, because it taught me a lot, I went into my chem class, and could answer all about global warming, because I knew about the CO₂ effects. There wasn't anything I didn't like about the class, it was all interesting. The website also was very helpful, and colorful.

20. My favorite part about this class was the movies and your comedy. The movies were entertaining as opposed to other science classes where the movies were straight up boring scientific jargon. I also liked that you were able to joke around with your students because it made the class more interesting. I am not a science person at all, but I was able to follow your lectures because they were very clear and directed to the average Joe. I did not like that the tests were ambiguous and had multiple answers. The website was very useful and I appreciated greatly the effort and time that you put into it.

21. Truthfully my favorite part of the class, was your teaching style. I took this class once before with the other physical science teacher, but this semester, I seem to have a better understanding of the concepts because of your class. You connect well with the students, understand their needs, and compromise with them. You seemed to have a strong background in science, which made it easy for you to relate the information to use in a sense that we would understand. You are approachable and available if we had a problem or needed help. Due to that I was able to succeed in your class. The thing I didn't so much like about the class, is that you are very easily distracted. It would take us about 20-30 minutes to start class sometimes, because we would talk about non related topics. Don't get me wrong they were all entertaining, but we wouldn't always get to the topics we were supposed to get to, so I would have to go home and learn it on my own. I enjoyed the website a lot, I thought it was very useful during the semester. If I ever missed a class, I would have the notes, you provided online. Overall I feel the class was a big success.

22. My favorite part of class was the video clips and animations on the website. I liked the website because you are one of the few professors who keeps it updated. I was glad that I could view my grade online. I think that you selected two great books for the class. I really don't like science but now I think it is because it was never taught to me in the right way. Presentation makes a difference. The only thing I didn't like about the class was that sometimes the homework/test questions were tricky. I spent hours and hours on some of the homework assignments. Other than that, this has been a great class and I'd definitely recommend it to all my friends who are looking for an interesting class to fulfill their General Ed requirements. :)

23. I think my favorite part about class was the movies. The Star Trek episode, and the nature movies about Greenland and Volcanoes and that stuff. I think it's good to get a visual and it helps me piece concepts together, and I just like the Star Trek one. I also like the website. I like how it has interactive examples, and links to get more information. I think the outline of what we talk about in lecture is very clear and straight forward. I don't like how on the first test there was more than one answer. That made it very confusing. I think that you should label how many answers there are for each individual question. I really like Bryson, I think it's an awesome book and should definitely be kept, and the online tests are cool too. I think the internet assignments are a little too long. I think it would be better to assign them in parts, like give 2 days to do one or two questions and then make them do. I also think that they shouldn't always be assigned over the weekend because that was a lot of work. I think by splitting the questions up it will just spread the work out a little instead of doing it over one weekend. Overall I thought the class was fun, Tony you're a really funny guy. I think I've actually learned more in this science class than I have in any other one, because we actually hit some interesting topics, and I like how you give us choices on what to do for the alternate assignments and that stuff. Oh, the mind maps were also a good idea, I would keep that for next year. Have a wonderful break!!!

24. I really enjoyed the lectures and the movies in the class. The lectures were interesting and your humor got us all through concepts that were hard to understand. I liked watching the movies in class because it switched it up so that there wasn't a lecture every single day and I think the movies were really interesting. I really enjoyed the Cosmic Voyage movie and the one about all the asteroids. The part I didn't like about the class were the ambiguous questions on the test. While taking the tests, it was really hard to pick out what the correct answer was because some of the answers were so similar and it became very frustrating for me. However, I do thank you for crediting us when you knew some of the questions were ambiguous and for allowing us to do alternative assignments to make up points we had missed. The website was really helpful and I think it is very well put together. None of my other teachers have put the time and energy into making a website just for their class like this. I really like having your website to help me go over your lectures and to help me understand the key concepts further.

25. My favorite part of this class was being able to touch up on things that I never learned before or care about. I came to class clueless about almost everything, especially what is happening in the galaxies and technology, but now I am able to know more about the world I am living in. I also enjoyed reading Bryson, it was very interesting, funny, and different from all my other texts. From him, I learned so much things about the history of science. The only thing that I didn't like about this class was the homework questions. I mean, I like having homeworks assigned because it help understand what I have learned, but sometime the homework question is a little hard to answer. It's hard to give a good answer, when your having trouble understanding the material, and it's definitely hard to do well when your teacher knows so much. So what's good for me, might not be good enough for you. Maybe I'm just the only one that have a hard time with the homework. Another thing that I like about your class was being able do an alternative assignments to erase a bad test score, and I also enjoyed doing the mindmap. About the website, I really like the website because it's there are so many cool things you can see and do. Furthermore, it let me know what's happening at a certain time.

26. Tony, I loved that we didnt have to show up everyday for class. It was awesome getting to sleep in an extra day or two a week. So, basically when I went to class it was because I wanted to be there not because I was being forced. You made the class very fun also, I liked how you used laughter as a technique to relate to us and to make us feel comfortable. You made coming to class very worth while. On the other hand, your tests, like the one I am taking right now, are impossible. Havent you noticed that no one gets a good score without you helping out their grade. They are freaking impossible, are you f***ing crazy. These tests scare the living \$hit out of me because I am in dyer need of a B and I can never tell how I do on these things. Enought with the tests, your website was good and bad. I thought it was okay only for the simple fact that all of the readings were just like the book, they were to scientific and hard to understand. Butth then it gave us all the information we needed as of tests, homework, readings we needed and that sort of stuff.

27. My favorite part of this class was your unique teaching style. The material was difficult, however, you were able to keep my interest in lectures. I was most interested how we can now relate our mind to a computer using quantum physics. We didn't cover it as much as the other subjects but it interested me very much. Computers is my area right now and i would love to one day work on robot/program that would show true artificial life. My least favorite part of this class was the first test where there were many diffrent answers and we had only 50 mins to complete it. I felt your website was very useful and interesting. I could imagine myself refering to your research on the site in the future. It amazes me how you can find just the right site to show us what we are studying. You probably go on the internet a lot more than the adverage man.

28. Honestly, this was my favorite class of the semester. I love science because its like no other class. I loved learning about special relativity and quantum physics even though i still dont really have a clue what quantum physics is. And on the website; the website was awesome. It was simple to use and VERY helpful. I went to your website more times then I went to blackboard for my other classes. Also, I thought you were a great teacher. I can tell you are passionate about your job and you enjoy doing it and that rubs off in your class. I enjoyed answering questions in class and hearing your funny remarks. Now the one thing i didn't like about the class was the difficulty of the the tests. GEEZ. This was the class I always attended and tried the hardest in. I don't study much for any class but I did a little bit for this one and it's gonna be my lowest grade. The last exam was BRUTAL!!! Anyways, I really enjoyed your class and your style of teaching. One more thing, I have a feeling you will be a born again republican in the future. Your too smart not to be.

29. After being enrolled in this class, I think my favorite part was our daily class conversations. I really enjoyed the way that you interacted with all the students and called on us to answer your questions. For me, this class really taught me to listen to different points of view, and use these different perspectives to strengthen my own point of view. Every time I came to class, I laughed at least a few times. I enjoyed how you used humor to get us involved in class discussions. One day, you asked what it meant to have a conscious. You went around to different students and asked them what they thought. Whether you disagreed with the student or not was not the purpose, it was just used as a tool to get us thinking and questioning our ideas and beliefs. This was the first class that I have had where the professor interacts with the students. I liked how you talked to us like you were on the same level as us. You were never condescending or made us feel really stupid for not knowing such principle and important concepts. My least favorite part of the class was the first test. I really did not like how the first test had multiple answers. I thought that the fact that there could be multiple answers made it extremely confusing and tricky. After taking the first test I was really intimidated by this class. Yes, I liked the website. I thought it was very helpful. If I missed class, it was really nice to be able to go online and check what I missed. I liked how it was continually updated and represented all the announcements that you had made in class. You should definitely keep the website for your future classes.

30. My favorite part of the class was the lectures we had every day. You discussed more than just science and I was able to relate it to everyday life. I also liked how you were willing to help even though you tried not to make it seem that way. You have really changed my views on science and I would be more willing to take further science classes. I found the website to be very helpful. I even used some of the links for help in my psych class. What I didn't like about the class was that sometimes I felt like I wanted to learn more but we didn't have enough time. We would be discussing something in greater detail so I didn't get to learn about some of the stuff that we had to skip over or briefly go over. I wish we could have had a couple more classes with you. Thanks for the inspiration!!!

31. My favorite is when you're making jokes and making funny comments about my classmates. You make me laugh at all times that's why I never missed any of our classes. You're the funniest , coolest, and very smart teacher I ever had in this university. I am not kidding. I'm telling you the truth, not just kissing your ass to get good grade. I was astonished when I read your resume online. Wow!! what a smartey I said. You don't look like one but don't judge the book by its cover. You are amazing. Anyway back to your question about what I don't like about this class is when you ask a difficult questions and no one seems to know the answer, I guess because we don't read the book and it's too early in the morning. I love your website. It's very informative, artistic and very creative. With all the professors that I have here, your website is the big bang!!! Overall, I think you are great teacher, you help your students alot. You're approachable but sometimes get irritated because some students just keep bothering you with stupid questions.

This is my last semester here and I thank you for teaching me the world of science. HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY!!!

32. My favorite part of the class was learning about the Big Bang Cosmology. I liked it because it dealt with the beginning of life on earth and I learned how long it took for everything to evolve and for eventually life to start occurring. I also enjoyed reading about the big bang in the Bill Bryson book because of the way he writes about science and how he makes it funny. The only thing I did not like about the class was that it was at 9 in the morning, which was my choice to begin with anyway, but other than that, you made the class fun and funny.

I found the website very useful, I visited the website more than I have for any other class that has had a website. It is very well organized and full of information that I knew I would be able to find there. It was also helpful because if you missed a day in class you can go to the exact date and you would be able to read what you had missed in class. Thanks. I liked this class this semester.

33. Your teaching method is great. You actually talk to us. You're not one of those fossils that just talk and we take notes with no time for questions. You rag on people and it's funny. You talk about football and you're a person and not just a prof. Like those other dooshbags. You're cool, rate my prof.com you get the happy face =D with a sizzle. = good teacher

34. What did you not like about the class?

There actually wasn't anything that I didn't like.

Did you like the website?

The website is great. If only all teachers could have one. But not all of them were born after 1800, as you can tell by the way that they dress, talk, teach, and look.

Your class was kick ass. Learn a lot and have fun doing it. Thank you for teaching me, us in class and letting us sleep or laugh at the remarks towards ----- (I know that's probably how you spell it but you probably don't care) and that druggie kid that always wore flipflops.

35. My favorite part about this class was the lectures. I know that sounds dorky, but it's true! They were relaxed and interesting (and funny), but I learned a lot, too. Even though you didn't take attendance, I still felt like I wanted to go to class because it further explained what I was reading. Which brings me to another favorite part - Bryson. I really enjoyed reading Bryson and felt that it complemented the content of the course very nicely. I REALLY liked the website because I was always able to keep up on assignments and lectures and if I didn't understand something I could refer back to it whenever I needed to. Also, all the links stemming from your website allowed me to "look around" more than required and discover some things on my own. You were very understanding about grades and I felt you truly wanted us to succeed, unlike other professors that just go strictly by points. The alternate assignments you offered were challenging, but very helpful. Overall, I would recommend this class to my friends, but advise them to wear a name tag to class to help you out.

36. My favorite part of this class was that the tests were open book. I thought that the tests would be easy, but they were not because the questions were worded differently than the book and we were required to really use our intelligence. I also liked that all of the notes were online so we were able to review them before class. The part I did not like about this class is that the tests were challenging and confusing, but it helped me think! I really liked the website. I even showed my sisters because it was so cool. You did a really good job on the site. Sometimes it was hard to find certain assignments, but I was always able to find them if I looked around.

37. My favorite part of this class was you. There needs to be more teachers out there like you. You make the lectures interesting. Most teachers just stand there and talk and never interact with the students like you did. You made jokes and made us laugh and taught us at the same time. That is what I like about a teacher. The website was also very helpful because if I was confused about something or missed something the information was right there in excellent detail. The website made the assignments and tests very understandable. There was not anything that I did not like about the class. I enjoyed the class very much and would recommend it to everyone.

38. I enjoyed the class discussions in this class. I came to class regularly because I wanted to hear in person what I was learning in the book. The pictures and explanations using the website in class helped me understand the concepts. Also the random discussions in class were always interesting. I actually learned a lot from the random topics discussed. I really liked being able to come to lecture but not just be talked at. Even though it was early it was really appreciated that you came and helped teach the often confusing parts of the book, even though you said at the beginning that everything was online. Having the online homework assignments only dealing with Bryson was helpful. Many students could do better with Bryson while some better with Hewitt so it was nice to have an opportunity to work with both for equal points. The grading system was good, without a lot of little points it was a new experience for me. The tests seemed sometimes unfair but they were more tricky than anything, having many of the answers similar to each other. This meant that instead of reacting to the first answer that looked correct from memory of the chapter, that actually looking it up in the book for the exact wording was necessary. I was really glad to get such a full view of the Earth and beyond in this class. I was not expecting to learn about the Earth's creation or evolving life. I don't feel so completely lost about really basic things that everyone should know. I loved the website for the class. I would look it up to see what was going on in class before I came in the morning. Also the headline announcements were helpful. The study guide portion was the most helpful for the readings and preparing for the tests. I think the website is a big factor in this class, it helps because when I didn't fully understand something in class, you used the website to teach it so I could go to the exact part that you used and read it myself. I am very happy that I took this class. I had never taken a science class like this before and you reassured the class that science wasn't so scary or hard. The structure of this class was beneficial. Thanks for always giving us a break on the exams, they were hard sometimes!! Have a wonderful Break!!

39. My favorite part of this class was the lectures, and the fact that we could do test online and also turn in homework. It is so much easier for us the students to be able to do the test in our house. I think that when you are in a comfortable zone you can achieve much better. And you made this class fun, interesting and comfortable to go to. Even though they were in the morning I knew that they would be fun I was always laughing at your jokes but at the same time learning from your examples (this class helped me wake up in the morning, thanks!) I loved the website, it is so easy and convenient to go in and check out some really cool stuff. And it is easy for students that miss class to go and check out what when on in the class and also to know when the last assignments are due. Keep the count downs in the web site , its helps to get an idea of how much time we have left. I don't really have anything I didn't like about this class, You gave us enough time for the assignments and you were aware that we also have other classes to do work for. And for all of this thank you.

40. My favorite part of this course was learning about space and the planets. I find all of that very interesting. The website had many great links to other websites that provided me with added information. I also enjoyed watching that KPBS special in class about the creation of our universe. I didn't enjoy learning about the small stuff that we can't see like quarks and photons. It is very hard for me to grasp concepts that I cannot visualize. I also enjoyed the structure of class lectures. Although I didn't feel that the majority of class time was spent learning about Natural Sciences, I liked the fact that it was easy to ask questions, and Tony was able to answer almost any question that was thrown at him. Tony definitely had a huge understanding of the course material, which helped the class when we had questions. I didn't really like the set up of the website just because it was VERY overwhelming...I'd get lost in all the links and information! I liked having the links for additional information though. I also enjoyed all the animated diagrams!

41. I liked how vibrant you were every day even if all of us were falling asleep you were always awake and ready to teach... even if you didn't really end up teaching us anything. I really liked reading Bryson because it was a more simpler approach to understanding science. he gave us really good stories and backgrounds on all the scientists. It was cool to find out how really crazy those scientists are. I learned so much from it that even in a social conversation I sometimes bring up something that I learned. Like, about the single cell organism becoming a slug, and a slug becoming a plant and the process starts all over again. I think I learned more about science from having opened book tests than if we didn't have them. It enabled me to look in the book for the answers and be able to see and recognize them. Taking this final, I often didn't have to look for the answers because I knew them previously from the other tests. The movies you showed were very interesting and not like high school science movies where they are all ghetto'd out and makes everyone fall asleep. You're movies were exciting and I kept wanting to watch them because I knew I'd learn something new. I believe everyone has a right to their opinion, but I didn't like how you made people feel stupid if they were religious or if they liked a different political party than you. Though, I won't deny you were very humorous, I often left your class being a grump because of something you said. But, it wasn't too big of a deal because I still enjoyed your class. The website is awesome! So helpful, I hope I can use it for classes in the future. Though, it does seem as that you have spent a little TOO much time preparing it, I do think it is great and useful to your classes!

42. My favorite part of the class was the fact that it could be taken from a distance. This is important to me because my work schedule fluctuates a lot and requires a lot of travel. If I missed a class I still knew what the assignments were well in advance. And because the web-site was so thorough and accessible, I could take my tests or complete my assignments from anywhere. I actually could have done all of the reading assignments before the end of the first month if I wanted because the web-site layed everything out for me.

43. What was further exciting is the fact that the professor so clearly enjoys his work and really wants to share his knowledge with the rest of us. It happens a lot where professors believe that students are mere androids who simply love to be and are priveledged to be in their. The professor was actually fun and willing to answer all of our questions.

44. My favorite part of the class was our daily discussions. I liked entering the room (well, the times I actually attended class) and having the entire class involved in a discussion. I liked how our discussions often dealt with issues that were in our daily lives. I liked how the month leading up to the election, we discussed it almost ever day. True, it was often you making fun for President Bush, but you allowed all voices to be heard. I felt that a person of any political party could enter that discussion, as long as they knew what they were talking about. A person with no knowledge or facts to support them was taught that knowledge was an important aspect in the political arena. My favorite part of the class was our political discussions in the months leading up to the election.

45. I oved this class. My favorite part about this class was actually going to see Tony, that early in the morning you were able to make me laugh really hard. I reallly did enjoy actually being able to understand the basics of physics. Ive heard nothing but bad things about physics however you made it very comprehensible. I found it fascinating to learn about how quantum physics and consciousness went hand in hand. I didn't like how you tests were so difficult like this one. I liked the website it kept me updated as well as gave me extra information besides the book that went into more detail to explain certain concepts that were in lecture, this is assuming one went to class everyday. So the website allowed me to read information when i wasn't able to make it to the classroom. And it was cool to look at too.

46. My favorite part of the class was just you being our teacher. You liked to get involved and made the learning process fun yet educational at the same time. Sometimes we would go totally off of the subject talking about politics, personal lives, football... but for you to get involved with us not just as students but "peers" was fun. I myself did not take part in these discussions often, but it was nice to sit back and hear all of the thoughts that you had, along with my classmates.

The website was definitely a plus for me. It helped me to be more organized when it came to your class, because I knew that it was there for me to look at whenever I needed info on subjects or just the class in general. I appreciated the fact that you took your time to help guide us along the semester by putting up all materials discussed up online, along with additional info. Yeah the time to read everything was lengthy, but in the end it helped immensely.

47. My favorite part of this class....well to be honest I'm not much of a science fan. But this class wasn't bad. My favorite part of this class was how you utilized your website. It really was a lot of help. Not only would you go over most of the material in class with your website then we also had the opportunity to then go home and look up some more information. Also, you made the class interesting because it was evident that you really enjoyed what you were talking about. Coming from a religious background I don't believe in the Big Bang but it was really interesting to see what other people think the earth was created and such. It really broadened my perspective. One thing that I remember was the lecturn on electrons. I remember you asking us if we were really sitting in the chairs? then you told us that we weren't really sitting but floating. It's cool to think that whenever we think we're doing something we're really not. Something I didn't like about class. Well, the tests were hard. You made them tricky although you were very fair with points and grading. The tests were still hard. Also, I know it's not a normal occurrence with the election but it seemed like we talked about political stuff too much. Other then that there really wasn't anything bad about the class. You were very fair with grades. You wanted us to succeed. You gave us every opportunity to raise our grades with multiple alternative assignments. You listened to what we had to say (most of the time, if you weren't mad at us) and accomadated us. The tests online were awesome. It was a great idea. So overall, everything was great, thank you for a great semester and hopefully I'll get another class with you later on. Thank you again. Have a good christmas break or should i say Holiday break. Go Nebraska!

48. My favorite part of this class would have to be Tony's love for the subject. You truely intrigued us and made us want to listen because you could tell how excited you got about everything talked about in class. I also like that you held the class like it was a discussion, not a lecture. By including the class it kept us awake. Your high energy and ability to communicate physics to the scientifically challenged was impressive. You made me realize that maybe science isn't so hard... it's just a lot of basic information put together into theories. Hmmm... I can honestly say that there isn't anything I didn't like about the class. You tend to stray a bit and get off topic, critisizing every spectra of society... but that was the funny part. The website was very helpful. It was easy to access and know exactly when everything was due, and be able to open all of the different links that corresponded with the topics in class. It was also quite odd to see the times Tony updated the site... do you ever sleep?

49. My favorite part of the class was laughing my ass off when you'd make fun of people. That was pretty much the sole reason to go; so I could get a good laugh. I thought you were the funniest guy, and it was great when you would start going off on someone. The class was the most entertaining class I have had so far in college. It was the only class I didn't mind going to. The material was pretty interesting as well. It conflicted a lot with what I believe in, although it's good knowing both sides of the story. The thing I didn't like about the class is was how it was at 9 in the morning. Another thing is how the tests were so hard. I thought the tests should have been made easier. I read every chapter and reviewed and still had such a hard time. You phrased the questions in a way that it was hard to understand. The website was pretty awesome. I liked being able to go to the day and clicking on it and finding out what we went over in class. It helped a lot and was very convenient. No other teacher would help us out like that. The only thing I would change is some of the material on the web pages. Some was way too advanced and scientific for us to even understand.