

## A PROFILE OF TRANSFORMATION



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### **When did you first discover American Scientific Affiliation (ASA)?**

About 1974. Bill Sisterson, ASA Executive Secretary at the time, was a good friend of my brother-in-law who gave Bill a referral. I was immediately attracted to the mission and journal of ASA. Having an evangelical background, I have always agreed with ASA's statement of faith.

### **How has your personal and spiritual life been changed because of your involvement with ASA?**

I have attended a few annual meetings over the years, and enjoyed the stimulating discussions, fellowship, and welcoming atmosphere. I was an active member of the DC area chapter while I lived there. I treasured fellowship with that group, including Paul Arveson and Glenn Kirkland. I have appreciated the broad scope of ASA's mission to include issues in engineering, technology, and industry settings which were especially relevant to me during my career. I am an avid reader of *Perspective on Science and Christian Faith*.

### **What is the tangible evidence of the growth you've experienced?**

Largely based on articles in *Perspective on Science and Christian Faith*, I put together Bible study notes on the first eleven chapters of Genesis on my web site. I was surprised when someone I didn't know thanked me for them in an email. Those notes have since grown into a book available on Amazon, *Honest Questions: A*

*Personal Commentary on Genesis 1 through 11.*

**How long have you been a member/donor and what has ASA meant to you?**

I have been a member since about 1974, spanning my whole career. I have been a consistent monthly donor for more than 35 years.

**What do our friends and financial partners need to know about how ASA is making a difference?**

ASA is unique in Christian circles. ASA is more than an academic journal. ASA really is a fellowship and network, with an organization supporting it. ASA has a simple, clear statement of faith which a broad spectrum of Christians will agree with. ASA editors and authors uphold both credible science and the truth of the Bible. ASA refuses to take organizational positions on controversies in the Christian community, but cultivates civil discussion in brotherly love. Unfortunately, some in the Christian community find such openness offensive. The issues addressed by ASA are often stumbling blocks to faith, but ASA demonstrates that such stumbling blocks melt in the context of honest discussion with brotherly love.