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Another ASA Fellow Recommends a Favorite *PSCF* Article

I appreciated reading the praises of *PSCF* articles that have influenced ASA Fellows and editors ("Twenty-Five ASA Fellows and Editors Tell of *PSCF* Articles That Changed Their Lives," *PSCF* 75, no. 2 [2023]: 100–118). The article that I found most helpful was not mentioned. It is "Interpreting Genesis One" by Charles E. Hummel, *PSCF* 38, no. 3 (1986): 175–85.

I have recommended Hummel's article to a number of friends who have been influenced by a young earth creation (YEC) reading of Genesis 1. Hummel's article is extremely helpful in viewing the text in its historical, cultural, and literary context. It seems that many who champion a historical-cultural-literary interpretation of scripture neglect such an interpretation when it comes to the first chapters of the Bible. This article helps them to see what the text of Genesis 1 is really saying, so I have recommended it numerous times. It has helped at least one friend to break out of a YEC mindset.

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