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As a researcher, reading the scientific literature in my field is routine. It is a necessary part of mastering the current paradigms in order to allow one's own work to build upon and improve upon what is established. This same approach has applied to my posture toward *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith* (PSCF) since first encountering it. PSCF has been a constant in my desire to be current in the science and faith conversation.

As a biology undergraduate and a follower of Jesus Christ, in the 1980s I struggled to find resources supportive of a high view of scripture, and a responsible approach to scientific evidence. The *Journal of the American Scientific Affiliation* (JASA) was in existence, but I didn't find it. Instead, I was inundated with young earth creationist literature that did not make sense to me scientifically.

This longing remained with me when I began graduate studies in cell and developmental biology at the University of Minnesota in 1988. In God's providence, at that time I had the privilege of meeting Dr. Elving Anderson, nationally known neuroscientist and brain and mind researcher, who was also a member of the ASA. Elving introduced me to the ASA, and generously shared his books and his complete set of paper copies of JASA with me. I still recall sitting on the floor of his office, poring over past issues of the journal. I had finally found answers to my questions about science and faith.

As I read through the issues, I took note of a series in the journal titled "Science and the Whole Person," by then JASA Editor Dr. Richard Bube. In those essays, Bube teased apart paradoxes, and apparent contradictions, in the science and faith dialogue, with the skill of a literary surgeon. His essays touched on topics as wide ranging as miracles, determinism, abortion, predestination, and prayer. He typically included topics for discussion at the end, demonstrating that he didn't have all the answers, thus modeling an open posture toward the beliefs he

advanced. The series ran in every quarterly issue for seven years.

Richard Bube was professor in the Department of Material Science and Electrical Engineering at Stanford University, with over three hundred scientific publications to his credit. During that time of such prolific scientific productivity, he served as editor for the then *Journal of the American Scientific Affiliation* (now *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*) for fourteen years. One essay that left the most lasting impression on me was "The Philosophy and Practice of Science" (September 1976), in which Bube expounded on his view of the integration of what he termed "authentic science" and "authentic theology." I have referred to that essay or some aspect of it continually ever since first reading it over thirty years ago. It has become a science and theology paradigm for me.

After familiarizing myself with the ASA through the journal, and becoming a member, Elving Anderson went on to encourage me, as a young graduate student, to submit an abstract for the upcoming ASA meeting, the 50th anniversary meeting at Wheaton College (1991). At that first meeting, at one of the evening meals, I suddenly realized that the man whose essays I had been reading, Dick Bube, was in attendance. I was awestruck. Eventually I screwed up the courage to introduce myself to him, and in his gracious manner, he invited me to join him for the meal. This began a friendship that lasted until he died. Through the journal, and eventually through his life, Dick Bube had changed my life.

Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith is one of the premier journals in the science and faith scholarly world. From the time Elving Anderson introduced me to the journal, it became a source of information and inspiration. When I began, I had a lot of catching up to do, so from 1990 to 2012, I read every issue in its entirety. To the present, I read at least a few articles in every issue in detail and skim all the rest. This is how the ASA became one of the most important organizations in my life, and PSCF became one of my must-read journals.

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