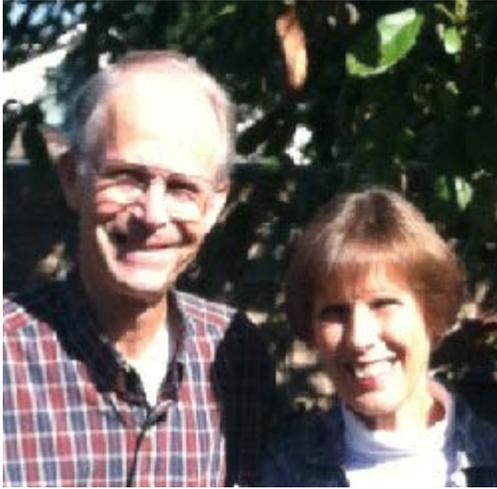


A PROFILE OF TRANSFORMATION



Name: Bill and Giny Roundy

Hometown: We live in Orange, CA. Bill grew up in Washington, D.C. and his parents were friends with Glen Kirkland, who was an ASA member. Giny grew up near San Diego, CA.

Profession: Bill is a retired chemistry professor at a community college and Giny is a retired physics professor.

ASA Affiliation: Member of Southern California Chapter

Hobbies: Soccer, Gardening, Reading

Favorite Pro Sports Team: L.A. Galaxy

When did you first discover The American Scientific Affiliation?

In the 1960's or 1970's, my senior co-worker, Jim Wylie, told me about the ASA. As a result, I joined and have been receiving the *PSCF* ever since, although I read only a few of the articles. After retiring 12 years ago, Giny and I began attending the summer conferences and as a result our attachment to the ASA has increased.

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

For a few decades, we have given occasional short and longer talks on our faith and science at our church. Last year, Giny arranged for our church and the ASA local chapter to co-sponsor a lecture by Darrel Falk and about 100 people, mostly from our church, attended.

Secondly, we were impressed with Francis Collins' talk at one ASA annual meeting and read his book *The Language of God*. At church without knowing this, one of our assistant pastors said he was reading the book as well and was impressed. As a result, I (Bill) and a philosopher led a book study/discussion of Collins' book for several weeks.

In addition, Denis Lamoureux's and John Walton's talks and seminars at the ASA annual meetings helped me (Bill) better understand Genesis chapter one by describing the relevance of the cultures of the ancient Near East and the meaning of a few of the ancient Hebrew words.

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

One of my (Bill's) goals is to do what I can to help prevent children in our church from leaving our faith (ceasing to follow Jesus) when they learn about the evidence for evolution in middle school, high school, and college. So I have taught adults several times on the subject of science and our faith. In addition, our son Paul has spoken in the past to the high school group on this topic.

A second goal of mine is to help brothers and sisters in Christ realize that non-Christians do not need to change their view of evolution (pro or con) to become followers of Jesus. And knowing brothers and sisters in Christ who have different views of evolution, the soul, stewardship of the earth, should make it easier to not be concerned about these when being witnesses of Jesus. It is important to not place unnecessary stumbling blocks in the way. Many non-Christians accept evolution and many do not, I think.

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

We have felt sometimes that we aren't quite accepted by some Christians because we are in science and some of Giny's colleagues sometimes didn't quite accept her because of her faith. Within ASA, we can relax and discuss issues of

mutual interest with grace and understanding. Giny also appreciates how ASA has helped her to integrate her professional and spiritual life. ASA is helping people realize that they can be evangelical Christians without having to reject the discoveries of science.

Why do you make ASA a priority in your charitable giving?

We want people to know that there are many scientists who are evangelical Christians and that not every evangelical Christian understands the relationship between the Bible and science in the same way. ASA does exactly what we are trying to do in our own lives--helping make faith intellectually feasible for non-Christians--even those in science and ultimately breaking down barriers to faith.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bill and Giny Roundy

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