

Q. & A. File No. 43-C-71 Desire of Ages

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The same might be said for any one of the nine sections of Desire of Ages. When the books were sold a slip of paper appeared in each copy informing the reader that in this printing certain pages do not appear, but there has been no change in the text and none of the text has been left out. You may inform this sister that as provided in the text no deletions from Desire of Ages, or any other of the E. G. White books published down through the years.

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Dear Brother

It is always a pleasure to have some word from you. I shall not forget the contacts we made at your home and you with us at the college during the Seminary Extension School held there in Australia.

I am sorry about the young men who have made trouble at the school. I haven't yet learned the basis on which they have taken the actions they have. You referred to this in an earlier letter. You do bring us a specific item in your letter of the 23rd which I shall deal with at once.

These young men are accredited with having indicated there were statements in Desire of Ages which have been deliberately left out, and one of them is entitled, "You may, Others cannot." This assertion on the part of these young men is entirely without foundation and fact. The content of Desire of Ages has remained unchanged since the book was published in 1898. In fact, we printed from the same plates from 1898 down to the 1940's. Then the book was reset, but of course, there were no changes made in the text and there were no deletions. It is true that there are gaps here and there in paging, especially in Desire of Ages. This is accounted for in the fact that in the printing of 1898, considerable allowance was made for full page illustrations and for section pages. I have before me an early printing and we find that the text closes on page 225, 226 is blank, 227 is a half title, carrying the words, "Days of Promise, Early Ministry in Galilee." On the back of this is a text of scripture, "The people that walked in darkness," etc., Isaiah 9:2, and then a full page illustration facing the chapter opening on page 231. The back of this which would ordinarily be 229 is also blank. There never was any Desire of Ages text on 227 in any printing of the book in this typesetting. What I say of this is true also of other places in Desire of Ages. If you will turn back to the Table of Contents, you will find that the book is divided into nine sections, and between each section there is a skipping of pages.

When we began to issue our books in trade book form, there was a desire

It is good to hear from you, Brother Turner. Anytime we can answer questions or be of service, feel free to write us.

With the best of wishes, I am

Sincerely your brother,

Arthur L. White, Secretary
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