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Dear John:

I am thrilled to learn that you are in agreement with Dwain Evans' position on the personal indwelling of the Holy Spirit. It comes as no surprise that you are receiving pressures as a result of this position, for I have experienced the pressures also. John, I am going to pray very fervently for you on this matter, because I feel you are presently in a position to be a giant among us, and that your influence could swing us either to a more cold, ritualistic approach to Christianity or to a firmer belief in God's power in our lives. We will continue to be an insipid people without this conviction. Please don't let the pressures quinch the spirit, John. Maybe I am putting a kind of pressure on you here also, but I am hoping you will receive it only as an almost agonizing prayer that you have the strength to endure. I want to encourage you, not pressure you. Of course, we must be as "wise as serpents and harmless as doves". Realizing that conceptual molds are often very hard to break, it must be done very slowly. I know you are aware.

I am beginning my lessons on the Holy Spirit this evening, and I do not have all my outlines completed. I will be developing my outlines on the basis of some former outlines which I used in 1963, but I wanted to re-study the material as I go through this time. Consequently, my outlines are not yet available to send to you. However, because I know this is a matter weighing heavily on you I am sending you a brief bibliography with certain recommendations.

Thank you very much for your very kind remarks concerning the Yearbook.

Brotherly,

J. Paul Du Bois

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