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Welcome to

Wake Up Call

your weekly email support from WorkNet

The Father Of Christmas

This is the third advent Wake Up Call. If you would like the set of four as a gift for you or a friend see news below

We carry all kinds of things to work. Briefcases, packed lunches, spare business cards, photos of family, and a host of memories. Some of us are able to compartmentalise our lives to such an extent that personal histories are left on the train, tube, bus, or in the glove compartment of the car. But for most of us the lines are more blurred.

One common piece of emotional baggage that seems to accompany many into their work is the unresolved ambiguity of their relationship with their father. It shows itself in the break-down of communication between boss and employee as the disappointed employee attempts to replace the deficit left by their father with the input from their boss. It is doomed to failure. Anger towards a father can erupt unexpectedly when a boss reminds the employee of parental shortcomings.

It may of course be much less complicated. We all seem to carry within us a desire to be fathered. We have a wide range of interpretations in our minds of what we are seeking, but security, loyalty, and care are on our shared agendas. We look for fathers in our leaders, our pension schemes, and our trades unions. We seek them out in our CEOs, our managers, and our HR departments. But we never quite find them.

Freud, of course, would have a field day with this argument, but with all due respect to him we continue our search. The problem is that even if we think we have found what we are looking for we usually end up disappointed. The thirst is never quite quenched and the security never quite permanent enough.

So we work harder, burying ourselves in business or close emotional doors in order to block out this somewhat embarrassing feeling of being global orphans.

But if you go anywhere near a carol service this Christmas you will hear Jesus of Nazareth being named as "Everlasting Father". Now we're onto something here. Someone has arrived who can offer us care, security, acceptance, and affirmation on a permanent basis.

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Christmas
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Here's what you have been looking for all your life. Here's the end of ambition and proving yourself. Here's someone who sees all the faults and still cheers for your success.

If you've had a great father you will feel less of an orphan, but you will also have a taste for what this is about. This is about an end to the search. This is about Christmas.

Work Well ,

Geoff Shattock

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Here is some Biblical background for your Wake Up Call

Isaiah 9:6

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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- We have produced Special Christmas leaflet as a gift for you click on the online news link for details. Thanks to Maria Shattock for design input
- A very big thank you to those of you who have donated in November responding to our WakeUpCall fourth birthday appeal. If you would like to join those who have helped us so far it's never too late! Visit the [donate on line](#) page. Thank you.
- **We have now fixed a date for a conference under the theme of "Doing the work you were born to do" for March 4th 2006. See [this link](#) now for details -we expect high demand for this conference so**

visit the page now. Note we hope to have the online booking facility up and running in early December. If you register at the link page you will be informed as soon as this is ready.

- The [WorkTalk](#) course is based on the seven sayings of our Lord from the cross. If you haven't got your copy, you can order it now from our [on-line shop](#) and use it for your personal meditation as well as a learning programme.

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