
Subject: Re: Pagan Christianity, the book
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I picked up a copy of 'Pagan Christianity' by Frank Viola and George Barna at a thrift store the other day and have been reading it again. I think it's been about 4-5 years since I first read it and now I'm wondering if I read it all the way through due to some of the info in the last couple of chapters. I either didn't know or didn't remember about Paul's thirteen letters being listed in the NT from the longest (Romans) to the shortest (Philemon), rather than in chronological order.

And even though I know that originally The Bible wasn't divided into chapters (done in 1227, according to this book) and then in 1551 the sentences of the chapters were numbered into verses, I seem to have to remind myself of this from time to time. The writers of the book point out how this has changed the way The Bible is approached by Christians. Picking and choosing, taking passages out of context without any regard to whom it was being written and the subject of the writings.

It would be easy to point out examples of how scriptures are taken out of context by 'others'...making them 'proof-text' to back up their theological positions or even to promote false teachings(prosperity gospel/JDS); but I've been guilty of doing the same thing before.

It certainly points out things to consider and pray for understanding and wisdom about.
