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The Church Fathers, Early Church Fathers, Christian Fathers, or Fathers of the Church were ancient and influential Christian theologians and writers. The word Father is used in the New Testament to mean a teacher of spiritual things, by whose means the soul of man is born again into the likeness of Christ: Physis (Greek: φύσις PHEE-sys) is a Greek theological, philosophical, and scientific term usually translated into English as "nature". The term is central to Greek philosophy, and as a consequence to Western philosophy as a whole. The Church Fathers are influential theologians and writers in the Church, particularly those of the first five centuries of Christian history. The term specifically refers to writers and teachers of the Church, not saints in general; usually it is not meant to include the New Testament authors.