

Nile River, Arabic Bahr Al-Nil or Nahr Al-Nil, the longest river in the world, called the father of African rivers. The Nile in Egypt and Sudan is now called Al-Nil, Al-Bahr, and Bahr Al-Nil or Nahr Al-Nil. Most of Egypt population lives near this river. Its basin includes parts of Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Sudan, and the cultivated part of Egypt. Its most distant source is the Kagera River in Burundi. The name Nile is derived from the Greek Neilos (Latin: Nilus), which probably originated from the Semitic root nahal, meaning a valley or a river valley and hence, by an extension of the meaning, a river. In the Odyssey, the epic poem written by the Greek poet Homer (7th century BCE), Aigypptos is the name of the Nile (masculine) as well as the country of Egypt (feminine) through which it flows.