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In this, the 131st installment of our weekly series at emeagwali.com, we present an excerpt transcribed from Philip Emeagwali's lecture on "Africa in a Globalized Internet World."

Globalization Not New; Look at Slave Trade

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Transcribed from a lecture delivered by [Philip Emeagwali](#) on September 18, 2004, at the Pan-African Conference on Globalization, Washington DC USA.

Globalization - or the ability of many people, ideas and technology to move from country to country - is not new. In Africa, it was initiated by the slave trade and given impetus by colonialism and Christian missionaries.

The early missionaries saw African culture and religion as a deadly adversary and as an evil that had to be eliminated.

In 1876, a 27-year-old missionary named Mary Slessor emigrated from Scotland to spend the rest of her life in Nigeria.

For her efforts in trying to convert the people of Nigeria, Mary Slessor's photograph appears on Scotland's ten pound note, and her name can be found on schools, hospitals and roads in Nigeria.



The introduction to Mary Slessor's biography titled: "White Queen of the Cannibals" is revealing:

"On the west coast of Africa is the country of Nigeria. The chief city is Calabar," said Mother Slessor. "It is a dark country because the light of the Gospel is not shining brightly there. Black people live there. Many of these are cannibals who eat other people."

"They're bad people, aren't they, Mother?" asked little Susan.

"Yes, they are bad, because no one has told them about Jesus, the Saviour from sin, or showed them what is right and what is wrong."

These opening words clearly show that Mary Slessor came to Africa on a mission to indoctrinate us with Christian theology.

She told us we worshipped an inferior god and that we belonged to an inferior race.

She worked to expel what she described as “savagism” from our culture and heritage and to encourage European “civilization” to take root in Africa.

We accepted the mission schools which were established to enlighten us, without questioning the unforeseen costs of our so-called education.

These mission schools plundered our children’s self-esteem by teaching them that, as Africans they were inherently “bad people.”

Our children grew up not wanting to be citizens of Africa. Instead, their education fostered the colonial ideal that they would be better off becoming citizens of the colonizing nations.



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Congratulations, Emeagwali.

I liked the notion of the African Silicon Valley.....the Abuja Technology Village. I am curious to know the current progress/status of the Abuja Technology village.

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Mazi Calculus, you are blessing to your generation and a great pride to Africa and the world. You believed in your convictions and you were convicted for your belief(s). Nevertheless, sheer grit and rugged determination, in spite of the opprobrium that greeted your ground breaking reasoning. Your determination to show the entire

world that you were not jiving was inspiring and heart warming. Please apply the same wisdom you adopted in the remote programming of them processors to solve the 3.1 billion problems bedevilling Africa. Well done.

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I am so proud to do a presentation on Mr. Emeagwali

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Just wanted to say I thoroughly enjoyed the Out of Africa section on this site. It is very interesting to read about the experiences of a country boy from Nigeria making his way to college in the U.S. – quite an unprecedented ordeal it seems. I am glad to read of your successful adjustments,

especially during such a difficult decade as the 1970s. I too was in school in Oregon in the 1970s, which is what led me to that section on this site.

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Hey you guys. Have you ever heard of a word wall and "The word for today"?

Well...put this guy on Euroclydon's Person for the day. In advance: Thank you for reading. Thank you for completing my survey. Thank you for ordering Vemma product from me. To your health, wealth and prosperity peoples.

Philip Emegawali: Who is he?

<http://www.emeagwali.com/interviews/Capstone...>

What did you invent? / What stages of inventing did you go through when you were working on your invention?

/ Were you working by yourself or with a team? / Why do you like inventing? / What makes you a good inventor?

/ How did you get your idea for the invention?

Philip's web site:

<http://www.emeagwali.com/index.html>

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Annotation:

Mr. Emeagwali has examined the phenomena of two styles of study-ers, how they study and the features of those modes of study and transferred that knowledge to how he should study a phenom found in his laboratory of the mind...otherwise a battlefield without the tools he found in observing these two styles. Susan the interviewer asks Mr. Phillip: How did you get your idea for the invention? In reading one finds comments on the two styles: Convergent & divergent thinking. In reading the article found at

the referenced site one may identify the phenom found as: methods and procedures. Because the industry could not believe and or understand what Mr. Phillip was 'saying' their find in Emeagwali resulted in the creation of a new phenom on the horizon of computer technology "SCALABILITY". "Today scalability is cool and every vendor promises that their system is scalable."

Emeagawali: The inventor of. Euroclydon.

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Correction: because of unbelief we can now identify the invention of SCALABILITY and trace its roots back to a Mr. Phillip Emeagwali. Euroclydon (lettie).

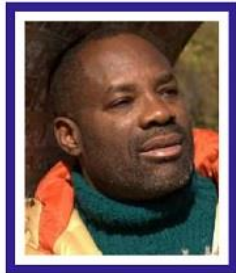
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