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In this, the 132nd installment of our weekly series at emeagwali.com, we present an excerpt transcribed from Philip Emeagwali's lecture on "Africa in a Globalized World" delivered by [Philip Emeagwali](http://emeagwali.com) on September 18, 2004 in Washington, DC, USA.

Globalization Not New; Look at Slave Trade

by [Philip Emeagwali](http://emeagwali.com)

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I speak of the price Africans have paid for their education and "enlightenment" from personal experience.

I was born "Chukwurah," but my missionary schoolteachers insisted I drop my "heathen" name. The prefix "Chukwu" in my

name is the Igbo word for “God.” Yet, somehow, the missionaries insisted that “Chukwurah” was a name befitting a godless pagan.

The Catholic Church renamed me “Philip,” and Saint Philip became my patron and protector, replacing God, after whom I was named.

I have to argue that something more than a name has been lost. Something central to my heritage has been stripped away.

This denial of our past is the very antithesis of a good education.

Our names represent not only our heritage, but connect us to our parents and past.

As parents, the names we choose for our children reflect our dreams for their future and our perceptions of the treasures they represent to us.

My indoctrination went far deeper than just a name. The missionary school tried to teach me that saints make better role models than scientists.

I was taught to write in a new language. As a result, I became literate in English but remain illiterate in Igbo - my native tongue.

I learned Latin - a dead language I would never use in the modern world - because it was the official language of the Catholic Church, which owned the schools I attended.

Today, there are more French speakers in Africa than there are in France.

There are more English speakers in Nigeria than there are in the United Kingdom.

There are more Portuguese speakers in Mozambique than there are in Portugal.

The Organization of African Unity never approved an African language as one of its official languages.

We won the battle of decolonizing our continent, but we lost the war on decolonizing our minds.



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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>

Henderson, Susan. (). AFRICAN AMERICAN INVENTORS.

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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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its so inspiring to know that
this great epitome of
knowledge is from my country
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most Nigerians don't know this
man. what an irony....