



# Quest for Internet

In this, the 138th installment of our weekly series at [emeagwali.com](http://emeagwali.com), we present an excerpt transcribed from Philip Emeagwali's lecture on "Africa in a Globalized World."

## Globalization Not New; Look at Slave Trade

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I learned I could set high objectives and goals and achieve them.

The secret to my success is that I am constantly striving for continuous improvements in my life and that I am never satisfied with my achievements.

The myth that a genius must have above-average intelligence is just that, a myth.

Geniuses are people who learn to create their own positive reinforcements when their experiments yield negative results. Perseverance is the key.

My goal was to go beyond the known, to a territory no one had ever reached.

I learned that if you want success badly enough and believe in yourself, then you can attain your goals and become anything you want in life.

The greatest challenge in your life is to look deep within yourself to see the greatness that is inside you, and those around you.

The history books may deprive African children of the heroes with whom they can identify, but in striving for your own goals, you can become that hero for them – and your own hero, too.

I once believed my supercomputer discovery was more important than the journey that got me there.

I now understand the journey to discovery is more important than the discovery itself; that the journey also requires a belief in your own abilities.

I learned that no matter how often you fall down, or how hard you fall down, what is most important is that you rise up and continue until you reach your goal.

It's true, some heroes are never recognized, but what's important is that they recognize themselves.

It is that belief in yourself, that focus, and that inner conviction that you are on the right path, that will get you through life's obstacles.


If we can give our children pride in their past, then we can show them what they can be and give them the self-respect that will make them succeed.



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Good day.I am not african,pure  
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Even though i will like to acknowledge you as a true son of Nigeria. Iam not please with your strong attachment to the past. You seems to have an unforgiven memory of the civil war. Please neither the late sage Awo, his yoruba tribe or the Hausas that you errorously try to portray as those who plotted evil against

igbos are guilty of the crimes you are trying to ascribe to them on your site. The Nigerian Civil war was an unnecessary ill, everyone suffered the consequences of that war. Beside do not forget the igbos attack yoruba land to Ore in present day Ondo state during the start of the war. Lets forgive past and move forward p-l-e-a-s-e.

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You've amazed me, the way you did your supercomputer, its good to know that someone like is a role model in face of people like us and, truly you have inspired me in a lot of ways. But one important suggestion from to you is to make sure you have your foundation here in Nigeria, at least to encourage our young generation, thank you, God bless u you family

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I love You

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you are worthy of emulation. so far  
yet very near your roots through  
your works

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Hello great man,

We are very proud to have you man.  
People like you and Obama are  
changing Blacks' history. I grew up in

Burundi learning the achievements of Whites and all those lies such as Euclide is Greek and all other useless thing like the birthdays of French kings. You guess from where? From a Black teacher and a french made book. But I had to.


Thanks to God now I have a computer and connection, I can learn the truth of human history.

Good luck from a Brother in Shanghai, China.

Daniel

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Good day sir, indeed you are a genius per excellent. Nigeria as a country and Africa as a continent is pround to have sombody great like. Sir how can i have contact with you cos i want to be known like can you help me?

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Your messages are truly thought provoking.

Your life story is both motivating and very inspiring

If only Africa has the will to attract her invaluable human resources...

