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A peek into the old diaries and research notebooks of Philip Emeagwali that pertains to the internet.

## The Eight Continent

From the perspective ~~of~~ an alien encircling encircling our planet on his spaceship and from a distance of a few million miles, our Earth will be the size of an apple. And our atmosphere will be as thin as the skin of that apple.

The aliens will wonder:

"What's that electronic cloth that enshrouds that <sup>planet</sup> Earth?"

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Best In a century, I envision that.

10,000 ten-thousand-mile diameter  
electronic cloth, <sup>that you today call the</sup> ~~aka~~ internet,

metamorphosing into what  
our children's children ~~will~~ <sup>might</sup>  
describe as a digital SuperBrain.

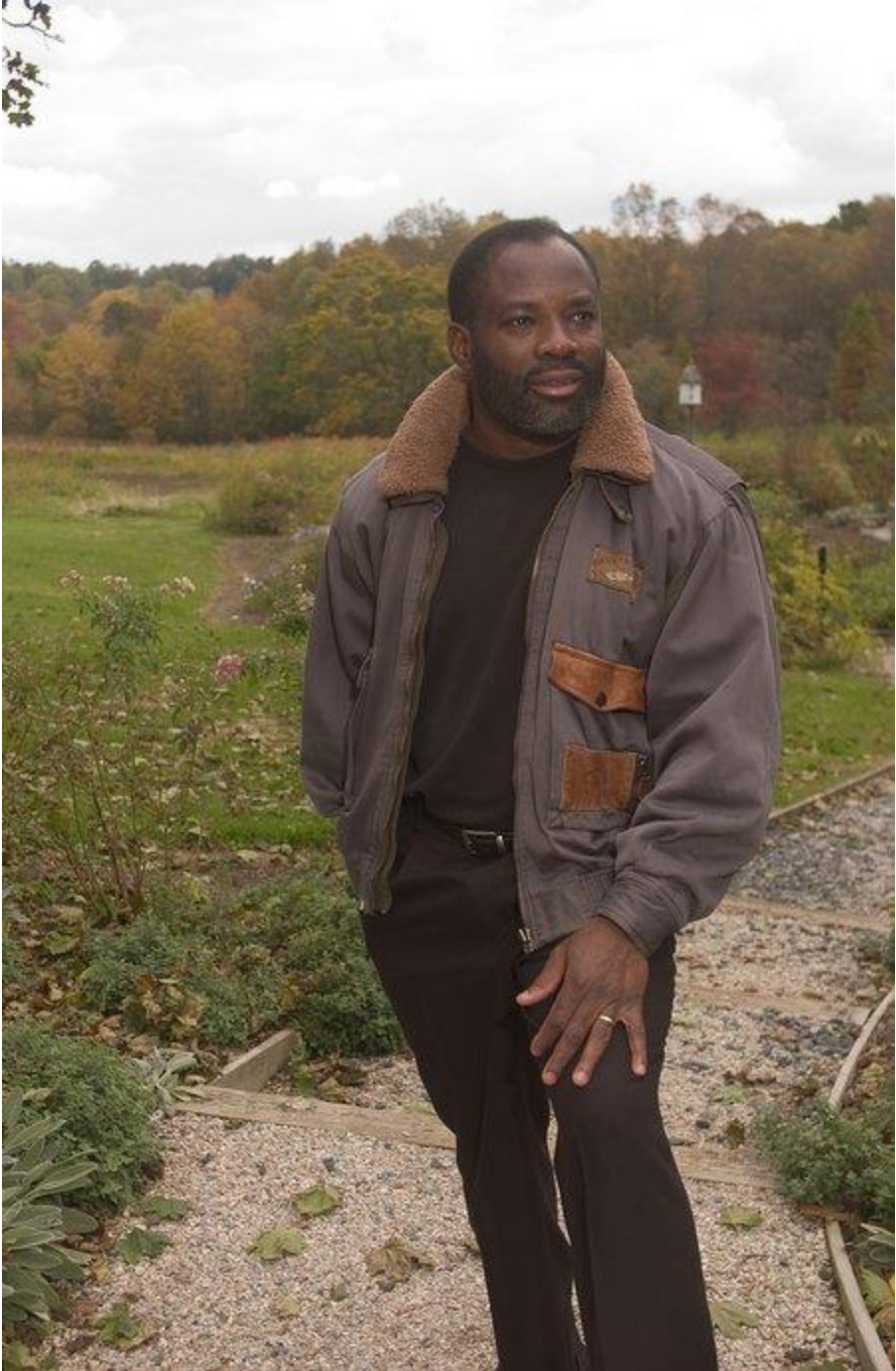
That is, our internet will become  
their eighth continent of ~~the 22nd~~  
~~century~~ people. It will be their  
repository of their knowledge and  
wisdom.

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beyond.

The eighth continent of knowledge will not be defined by lands, nor outlined by mountains, rivers, and oceans. I envision that <sup>eighth</sup> continent as the digital repository of the ~~sum~~ entire knowledge possessed by humans, <sup>archiving for posterity</sup> including the memories and experiences of our descendants of the 22nd century and beyond.

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Great achievement. May you  
continue to achieve greater and  
greater things for the glory of God  
and the savation of our beloved  
country, Nigeria.

**Date:** 8/24/2007, 1:29 am,  
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Today is the most important day in the life of the world. Why?  
Because Dr. Phillip Emeagwali was born on this day. There is no other person in the world like you and there will never be. When God created you, he created a special and unique individual, never to be

duplicated by any stretch of the imagination.

Happy Birthday Dr. Phillip Emeagwali.

I wish for you the best in your future and that you also have many more prosperous years.

**Date:** 8/23/2007, 10:38 pm, GMT +6

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**Location:** ONITSHA

**Number:** 199



DEAR BIG BROTHER PHILIP, YOU ARE A GENUIS JUST LIKE THE GREAT ZIK OF AFRICA BUT WHY IS IT THAT DESPITE ALL THIS GREATNESS YOUR PEOPLE ARE SUFFEREING?

I HOPE AND BELIEVE THAT GREAT SUCCESS IS WHEN YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL AND PEOPLE AROUND YOU ARE GIVING A SENSE OF BELONGING?

WHAT DOES IT PROFIT US ONITSHA PEOPLE TO HAVE SUCH A BIG BROTHER AND STILL WE ARE NOT HELPING EACH OTHER?

THERE ARE A LOT OF BRAINS IN ONITSHA BUT MOST OF THEM ARE FROM A POOR HOME AND

NONE TO HELP WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO THE GREAT ONITSHA THAT BROUGHT INDEPENDENCE TO NIGERIA.

IS IT NOT TIME UP FOR ONITSHA ADO N`IDU TO BECOME A FEDERAL STATE SO THAT WE WILL REAP THE FRUIT OF OUR LABOUR NIGERIANS?

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We have recently an entry on Prof. Philip Emeagwali to DayInBlackHistory.com (<http://www.dayinblackhistory.com>).

DayInBlackHistory.com can be best described as a community driven, interactive online periodical about the black experience. Each day, DayInBlackHistory.com highlights black icons, events, and more that have shaped the world on that day in history. The site is supported by a growing community and is completely free. Members post original entries on topics, edit existing entries, and even vote in polls. The site marks Emeagwali's birthday (<http://www.dayinblackhistory.com/showarticle...>). For those of you that are interested in Emeagwali's

accomplishments, you are invited to adopt his entry and provide a short story/bio about him for August 23rd. A picture is already provided.

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i need to meet emeagwali. It is amazing that people talk so much abt him but i must confess he is no where

to be seen. What exactly has he achieved.

**Date:** 8/14/2007, 9:05 am, GMT +6

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I first heard about you some months back, but i thought that all was a joke only to see that it is not a joke rather a reality. More grease to your elbow. pls send me some of your secret

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It is an interesting Website i love it  
so much. I am looking forward to

a time when i will meet Prof  
Emegwali.

**Date:** 8/2/2007, 10:25 pm,  
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**Number:** 194

I first learned of you several years ago while assisting my son on a book report for school. Upon going to the library and asking the librarian if there were any books written about you. She said stated, "I never heard

of him, let me check the internet". I then smiled at her baffled look. She was anxious and astonished as she lead my son and I to the encyclopedias and other compendiums. Thank you for difference and contributions you have made to our society. The world is better because you are in it!