



Handwritten stories and lecture notes with heavy cross-outs tossed into the wastebasket of Philip Emeagwali. Some crumpled notes were retrieved on second thought. Some were lost to the past. They provide clues on how his vision took shape through the years. At the time of writing, his ideas were not fully formed, hence the endless drawing of arrows and crossing of awkward sentences.



Emeagwali, age 20 [Oregon State University, Corvallis. July 1975]

Speed Accelerator Prologue

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The quest for speed record is what makes us human. It's an intrinsic part of our progress for us to forever reinvent our technologies and ourselves. It's our collective hero's journey to the terra incognita of technological knowledge.

When we arrive at the frontier of knowledge, the Medusa ^{guarding the Tree of Knowledge} ~~is~~ ^{must} be slayed before crossing into the terra incognita is the act of seeing something previously unseen. That new object may be the fastest of its kind, ^{such as} ~~Maybe~~ an aircraft

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of a computer or an internet. It may even be an Olympian. The Eureka! or the discovery is the act of ~~is the~~ recording of speeds that were previously unrecorded in ~~transportation~~ ^{supersonic aircraft flight} in ~~supercomputer~~ ^{supercomputer} or ~~computation~~ ^{arithmetic} or ~~communication~~ ^{in superinternet email}. It may even be ~~the speed record~~ ^{a super woman} in the breaking the world record in the 26.2 mile marathon race. Doubling the doing things faster is the key to ~~progress~~ our progress. speeds of machines used to produce our production machines can ^{sometimes} double our productivity which, in turn, decreases poverty.

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Emeagwali on a speaking tour.
(Hilton Kingston Hotel, Jamaica. March 2001)