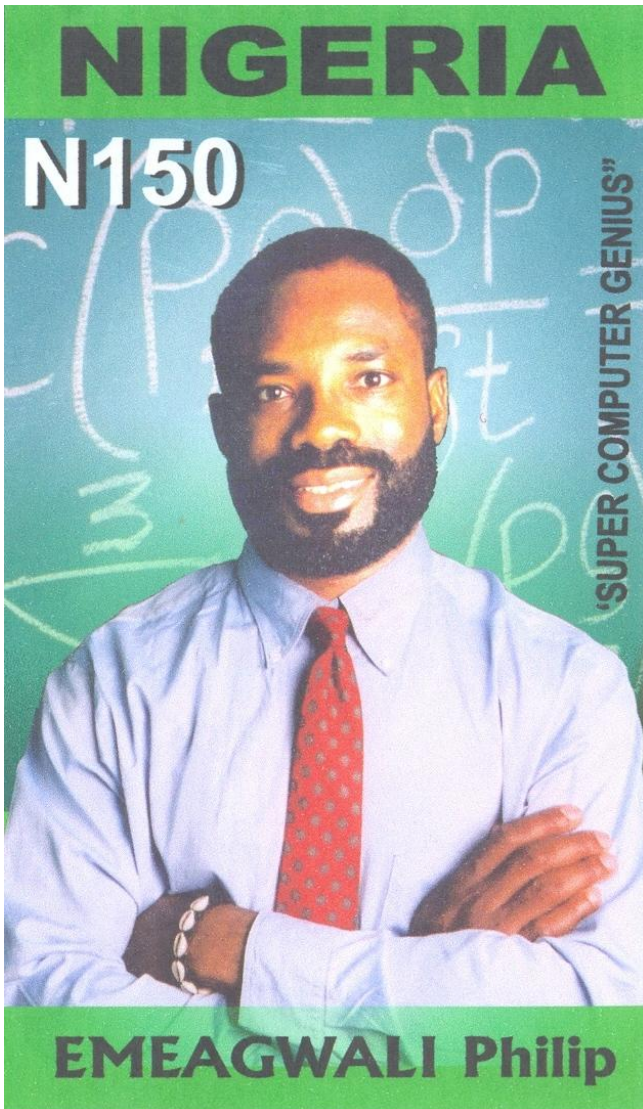




My Quest for an Internet

In this, the 44th installment of our weekly series at emeagwali.com, we present a biographical, poetic tribute by Wina Marche to Philip Emeagwali.



Emeagwali Had An Idea

by [Wina Marche](#)

Dr. Emeagwali had an idea;
to him it was very clear
that bees planned and constructed
honeycombs that can't be obstructed
by inefficiency. So, he thought
a computer made that way ought
to be powerful, efficient, fast.
It was and better than the past!

His 65,000 processors fit a design,
you might say, that bees would divine.

3.1 billions per second calculations!

To the Doctor citations and acclamations!

His world's fastest computer now

predicts the weather's when, and how.

We'll know of future global warming

and when and where the earth is storming

Dr. Philip, how does he do this?

Wouldn't it be intellectual bliss

to have a similar needed skill

and be the first person to fill

a world wide technological need!

Father helped Dr. Philip to succeed.

Father's decision when Philip was age

nine was worthy of a genius or sage.



His decision - Philip would every day

solve 100 math problems - no work, no play.

Today Philip believes the daily drills

increased his mediocre math skills.

We should salute his father's decision

that shaped a mind for creative precision.

Father Emeagwali was a visionary

who understood the "necessary."

1989, for Philip was the year,

the outstanding year, of his career.

He won the Gordon Bell Prize, known

as the Nobel of computing. A milestone

his supercomputer invention, helps the field

of petroleum by a better gas yield

and will eventually lower gas costs

thus less unrecovered gasoline losts.

Dr. Emeagwali's computer invention

may some day mean more attention,

power, for personal computer users

with more options and more choosers.

He is husband, father, achiever

research scientist, a modern believer

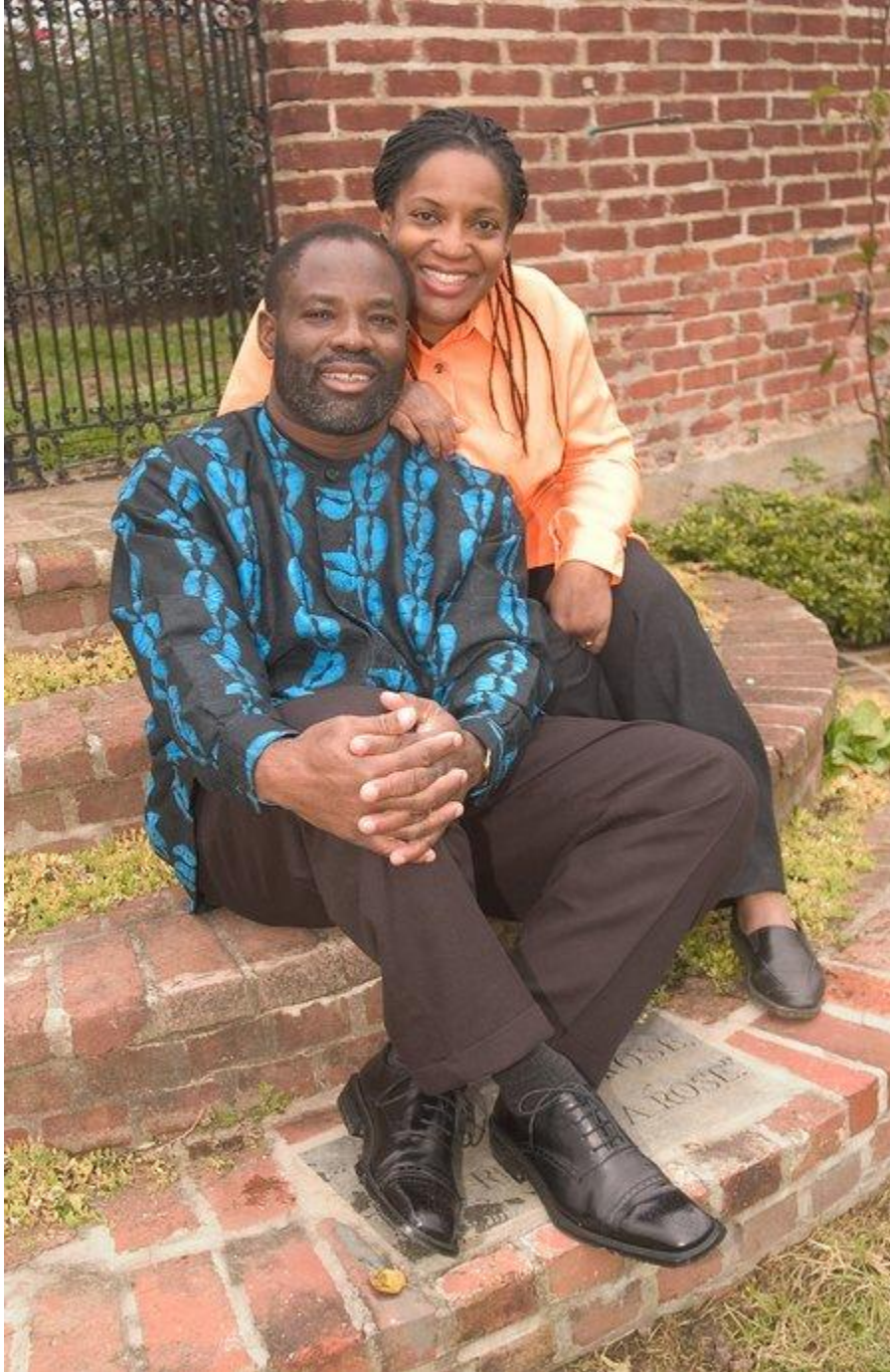
in technology, and the hope for more
young students to open the computing door.

Wina Marche is an educator, poet and author several books.

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