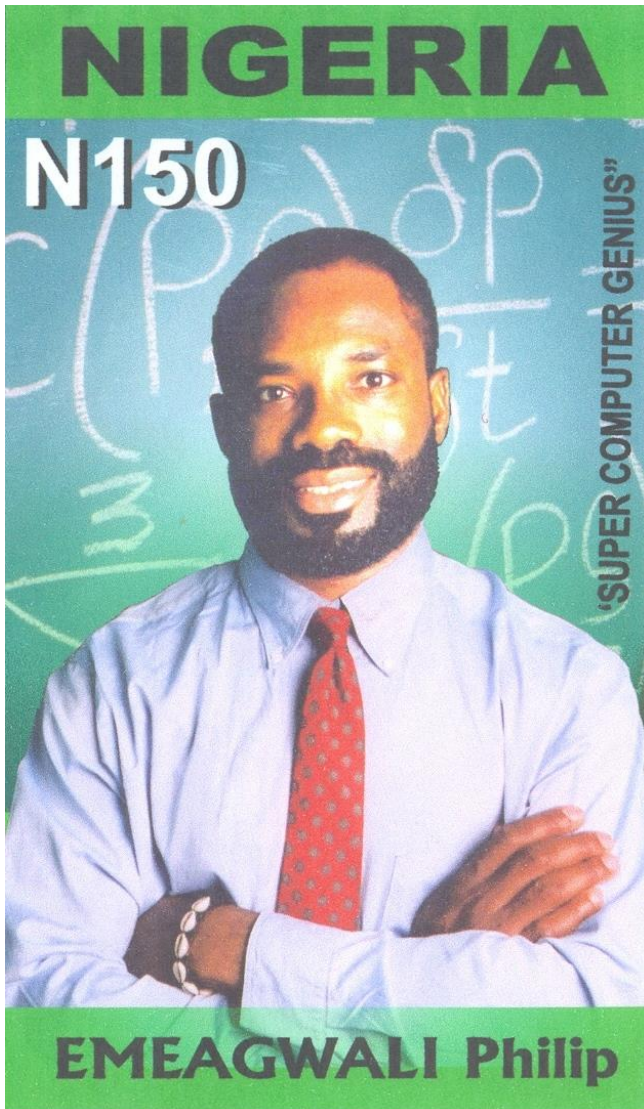




My Quest for an Internet

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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