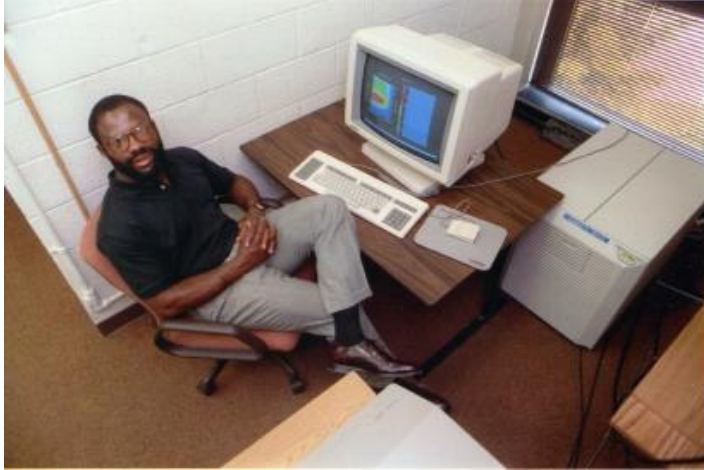


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LETTERS

Who is Emeagwali?...

Who is Emeagwali? My grandson is 12 and homework for this evening he had to identify 15 blacks who made contributions to the world and your name was on the list. He is very happy that it was because you are truly an inspiring individual.

God bless.

Joshua

Searching for truth ...

I am searching for the truth. My good friend Jason Tatum, gave me your address.... said that you know much about Africa. Is this true? You must be there if he mentions you.

LCPL DAMIEN C MCMURRAY

mcmurrayd@yuma.usmc.mil

Yet Another Atta Boy!...

I ran across your wedding site and thought how cool not only is he a genius he has the soul to share

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his world with a sista "Way Cool." I am helping a friend find out the history of African/African American scientists to teach his grandchildren that we can and have done more than sing and play ball. I am excited about the hard work you and Dr. Dale Emeagwali are doing and I don't think you know the enormous roles you both play in the spirit of our people and the greater good of the Earth.

Carla Gaunichaux
cs104@alliance.net

Wonderful article...

Last night my wife and I flew from Cotonou, Abidjan and Dakar on Air Afrique back to the United States. While browsing through the magazine, *Africa International*, I came across a wonderful article about you and your wife. I wish to congratulate both of you for your wonderful accomplishments and I pray that God will continue to inspire both of you.

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Fon J. Ngu

Born in Cameroon, npt@jadeinc.com



Comment: "Agbor Female Dancers" - 1999 (Bode Fowotade)

The town square is our place, the festival has come. Markets are closed, and the merchandise seized. Jigolo! Jigolo!! My drummers, captivated by the rhythmic flow of the drums, so acrobatic, I can't help it. A long expected day has finally come. My taped skirt all danced to the rhythm. The crowd would not go, It is full of strength and skill.

Popular in Hawaii...

greetings and aloha,
or perhaps I should say ashe' ashe'. I am a mother
of 6 children, all of them are a lot more computer
literate than I am. I currently head the local
chapter of moms on the net. As an african

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american married to a japanese in an area where the emphasis is put on asian cultures, it is wonderful to find you on the net, actually my daughter celeste found you first, my son bryce (the households resident hacker, and brain (or byte) child, printed out the information and did a presenation for his high school, my other two sons kedall and justin decided that this was a good thing, and are now trying to find books you have written at the local library, and my other two daughters have taped your message and are playing it for all of their friends . Mr. Phillip Emeagwali you are very popular in hawaii, and if you ever happen to come this way we would be honored to have you, in our homes, our schools and our lives. It is a pleasure to have something marvelous and wonderful to show that people of colour also add to the wonders of the scientific world. And the way you have done your website is so vivid. As a mother It makes me proud to have something to show my children. Your wife is an example to my daughters and I hope to hear from both of you soon.

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Aloha nui loa Emilie Uyehara(mom and defender of the kernel code)

Bryce Uyehara (I wanna be like bill gates (not any more) I wanna Be Like Phillip Emeagwali!)

Justin Uyehara

Kendall Uyehara

Jocelyn Uyehara

Celeste Uyehara

Alan H. Uyehara (Dad and fam sys.op.)

Bull-dozer of Stereotypes ...

In this age when all we hear about Nigeria and Nigerians is negative perceptions, I am proud to say you are a TRUE SON OF YOUR FATHERLAND who will go down in our history for being a bull-dozer of stereotypes of the Western Society. I was in Nigeria recently and you do not know how much everyone was discussing you... From Govt. officials to Beer Parlours everyone felt proud to be Nigerian when they heard about your feat.

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Israel Ameh

Canada, israel.ameh@sympatico.ca

"Congratulations on all your wonderful achievements. I felt more proud as an African and indeed a Nigerian after reading about your wonderful accomplishments. What every black man need today is more Dr Emeagwali's and a forum to positively showcase our achievements. Left to CNN and the BBC's Africa will forever remain in the stone age. Thanks once again for making my day, I have already sent the link to all my friends and colleagues. **ARISE BLACK PEOPLE! ARISE AFRICA!! ARISE NIGERIA!!! TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT.**"

"Ike Orumwense, Toronto, Canada, Apr. 25, 2002"

Comment: "Agbor Dancers" - 1999 (Bode Fowotade)

We dance in a frenzy, but with a rythm. We dance in a mood, but with our souls. Pleasure can be found in many an activity but through our dance we reach that state that elevates us above all pressures.

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"Dr. Emeagwali your intelligence as well as the furtive minds of other scientist of African Ancestry are light years ahead of european so called great minds. They are in the way of progress. I sometimes wonder where we would be as an African people in terms of evolution mentally if we did not have to endure generational white bestial agression. I know that someday we as a people will be delivered. Forgive my diatribe. Love, health, and infinite happiness."

Sincerely
Stroman,
San Jose, California,
May 17, 2002";

Basket load carrier typical of African markets. Mother seeks clients while daughter holds on to mother affectionately.

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Your name to me is Mr. inspiration. I visit your site everyday just to get me refreshed on what i need to do to accomplish my dreams. Brother, keep the flame burning, we are behind you all the way. I love you with all my heart and I wish there is a way I can make it possible to meet you in person. This is my dream. I lack words to describe what I feel in me right now. May be someday in the future, i will be able to swing by your city and just say hi. Keep in mind the son of Africa, we all have to go home someday to help our mother land. God bless.

Ike Orumwense,
Toronto, Canada,
Apr. 25, 2002

My Son, Olubusayo, 17 a genius in making advised me to read through your page. My fear is that how many Nigerians will have the opportunity of developing themselves like you and how many parents have the means of sending their children who are geniuses to where their talents can be developed and harvested for the development of

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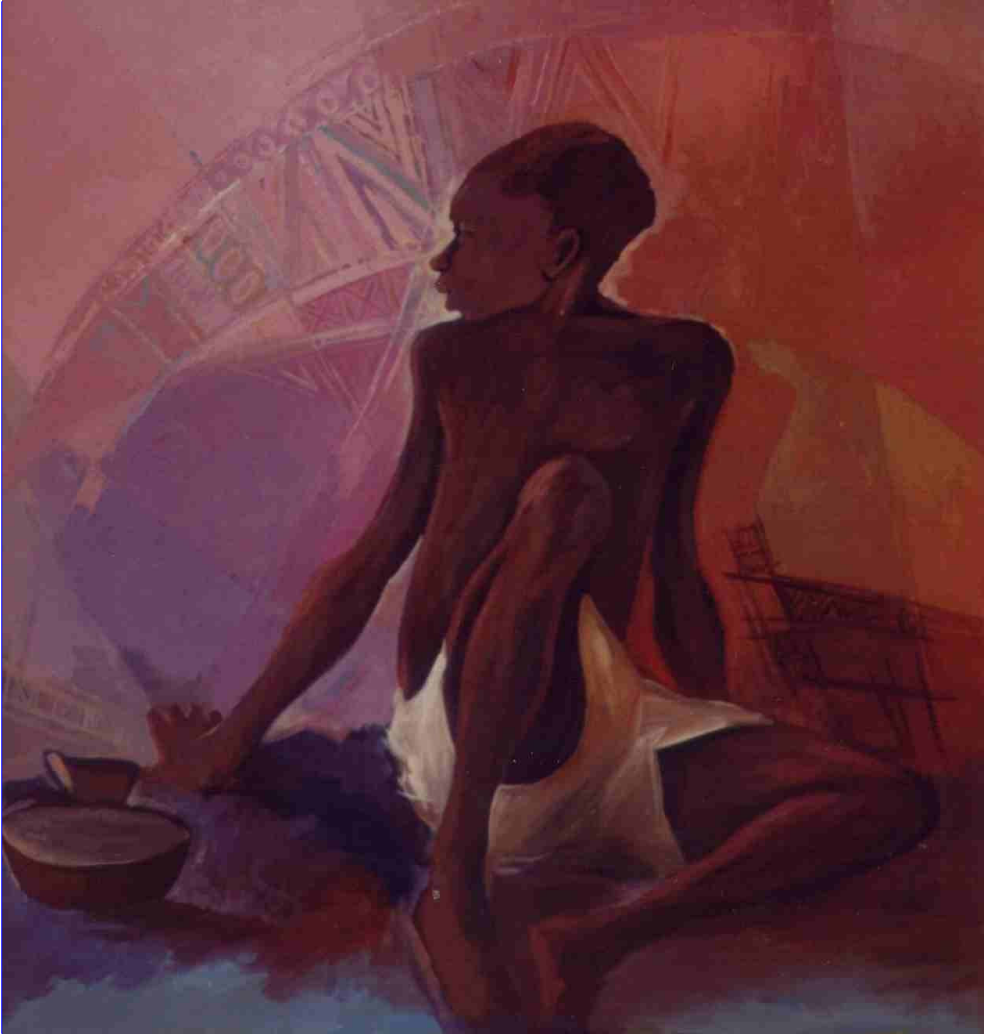
their environment? A genius who is not exposed to the right environment or misused will use his or her talent to destroy his or her environment. This has always been my fear. May the Lord God help Nigeria and Nigerians!

B.F.Oluwagbemi,
Warri, Nigeria,
April 7, 2002

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Comment: "Without a silver spoon" - 2002 (Bode Fowotade)
The rich are friend's to the rich and the poor to the poor. The rich gets richer and the poor poorer. I have nobody to comfort me body and soul. I paddle my own canoe alone. The trouble for the day is enough for the day. I do not know what tomorrow holds for me without a silver spoon.

This man inspires me! That is a rare thing for me.

Benjamin J. Swanson,

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Toledo, April 8, 2002

If someone wants to know or learn about Nigeria it is a MUST to visit your sites. If you don't read these pages you will never be able to understand the REAL history of Nigeria. The words that are written here are very clear and no space for if, buts, or, when,..... pure facts! Facts where we cannot close our eyes from, not in the past not at present and not for in future! The more I visit your sites the more I get inspired and I learned a lot. ... From the bottom of my heart I hope that you will successfully continue and everybody should use this information as an challenge do some changes. Hopefully everybody understand my english! May God or whatever you believe into be with you and give you the Power to continue. Do never give up! Feeling sorry for yourself ain't got nobody nowhere. Power! Power!! Power!!!

Beni,
Hanau, Germany,
April 4, 2002

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Never have I ever read such about a Nigerian who has combined among others such qualities as being handsome, intelligent and young.

Amajam Abwaku Chibok,
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia,
Feb. 17, 2000

I think is high time you come back to your roots and contribute in rescuing your motherland Nigeria. There is no better time than NOW. America is fully grown and benefitted enormously from your talents. Or what do you think?

Salisu Danyaro,
Nanjing, Jiangsu, China,
Feb. 14, 2000

People like you should be on television instead of Michael Jordan or Tiger Woods so that black people can know that there is use for the brain

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between their ears.... I just wish they would stop calling you the Bill Gates of Africa and call him the Philip Emeagwali of America :)

Nyere Hollingsworth,
Georgia, Feb. 10, 2000

I am an AFRICAN born in america who believes our children here and in the diaspora need to know the genius that Africa has produced over the millenia from ancient KMT to Timbuktu and Ghana, Mali, Songhai.... You my brother continue in the tradition of our esteemed ancestors IMHOTEP, AHMAD BABA, CHEIKH ANTA DIOP, W. E. B. Dubois, and countless others.

Julius A. Clinton Sr., Stratford, CT, Dec. 23, 1999

You are very truthful. The thing I loved most was that you did not forget your roots, because too many people do it.... I got to say at the end, that in

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my last 5 years in the internet your site is the most interesting one I ever saw.

Michael Goeldner, Hemer, NRW Germany, Nov. 11, 1999

Tell me, are you another Jona, who was sent to save Africa, and then divert your mission elsewhere?

Nouhou H. Inti,
Silver Spring, Maryland, Aug. 18. 1999

I work for the Board of Education. Tomorrow morning, your name and achievement will be announced in the school's public address system... The little honour I can give your name, is to ensure that, just after the pledge of allegiance tomorrow morning, the people will know.

Patrick, Mount Vernon, NY , Feb. 26, 2001

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An awesome website. A colossal achievement. I might add. It's huge! ... You know the nuts and bolts of the 21st century computers & the internet rests on your shoulders ... do your thing lad. And good luck!

Ben Ezeani, New York City , Feb. 1, 2001

To arrive at this intellectual podium is a herculean feat , but your actions and inaction from this podium will be judged by history ... your must have to contend with and tolerate the idiosyncrasy and myopia of current African governments, you have to transcend the barricades of bias and move on to the 'higher calling' of salvaging Africa from the morass of intellectual and technological bankruptcy. This should be the tall order of this new millenium. While you do this, even though you may not hear our voices, be yea reassured we will support you in spirit and will respond, anytime you give the clarion call: Igbo kwenu!!!!

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Cyril Uka Sherif Anyanwu, Houston, Texas, Nov. 14,
2000

A rough sea breeds a good sailor. You are a good sailor, with focus, vision and a rich heritage. An impressive site and an even more impressive personality. Truly an inspiration to me and many other intelligent Nigerians who wonder what life can hold for them when the odds are 'stacked' against them. While going through your page i found out 'i believe i can fly' isn't just a song. In my flight someday, i know i'll come to share ideas with you. That is ONE of my goals in life.

Kalejaiye Olusegun, Lagos, Nigeria, Oct. 27, 2000

Philip Emeagwali, you are forever closest in my heart to inspiration!! I have two finches each with a name Philip Emeagwali.

X'ane 'Greyster' Maori,

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Couer D'Allene (Idaho), Apr. 29, 2000

Phillip, GOD BLESS YOU. For you are the true son of your father. Your achievements are like a 'window dressing through which light percolates into the whole of Africa.'

Anthony Omomia, London (UK), Apr. 14, 2000

It took me over two years to complete the tour of your website, which involved opening several pages per day, and continually thrilled to a dose of scientific homily.

Tony Orafunam, Dallas, TX

It is my pleasure to identify with you and your family, while praying that God Almighty will elect your offspring 'Ijeoma' as yet another upcoming wonder in modern science, relying on the Ibo

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adage of 'like for like' a snake does not avoid giving birth to a long object.'

Tony Orafunam, Dallas, TX

I take pride in spreading the gospel of your ingenious scientific breakthrough mainly to avoid a situation of someone else claiming the credit 'as usual' in several years to come.

Tony Orafunam, Dallas, TX

I must say that your website is highly educative and more extensive than the website of most multinational corporations. ... Your biography is one of great source of inspiration. One that is no less rugged, playing from an uneven ground. From grass to grace, and from the obscurity of scientific laboratory to the pedestral of world prominence.

Tony Orafunam, Dallas, TX

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During these period, I spent greater part of my leisure making copies of the pages of your website for presentation at several African cultural fora. I have emailed over 1000 pages of your website to friends accross racial divide.

Tony Orafunam, Dallas, TX

I have shown this to my children to encourage them. I've also been more encouraged to face the difficulties black men face in this country with greater hope and refusal to give up. Now I know that I'm a winner and never will I give in to the detractors any longer.

Philip A. Ejisimekwu, Chicago, Illinois, Mar. 14, 2000

I must say that, bar none yours is the best and the baddest for music that I have experienced. ... The content and quality of your web site rate 5 stars

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plus two extra stars for being black originated and black owned! ... Emeagwali.com is 'tha Bomb'!!!!!!!!!!!!

CEJWorks @ aol.com

I feel happy when people say that I look like Philip Emeagwali, who wouldn't?

Isaac Anietye Inyang, Ile Ife, Nigeria

The hardships you went through to succeed has been a source of inspiration to me. Each time dwell on my own suffering here I think of how you would have handled yours. Mine is nothing compared to yours so I use that as a standard of what my threshold for suffering should be.

Electrical Engineer, Univ. of Minnesota

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I believe it is an insult for you to be called the Bill Gates of Africa because He is not, was not, and will never be a mathematical genius. He was basically an opportunist who took people's ideas and used them for his own gain. That is nowhere near the definition of a scientist. In Africa, he would just be a trader who intimidated the business competition.

Electrical Engineer, Univ. of Minnesota

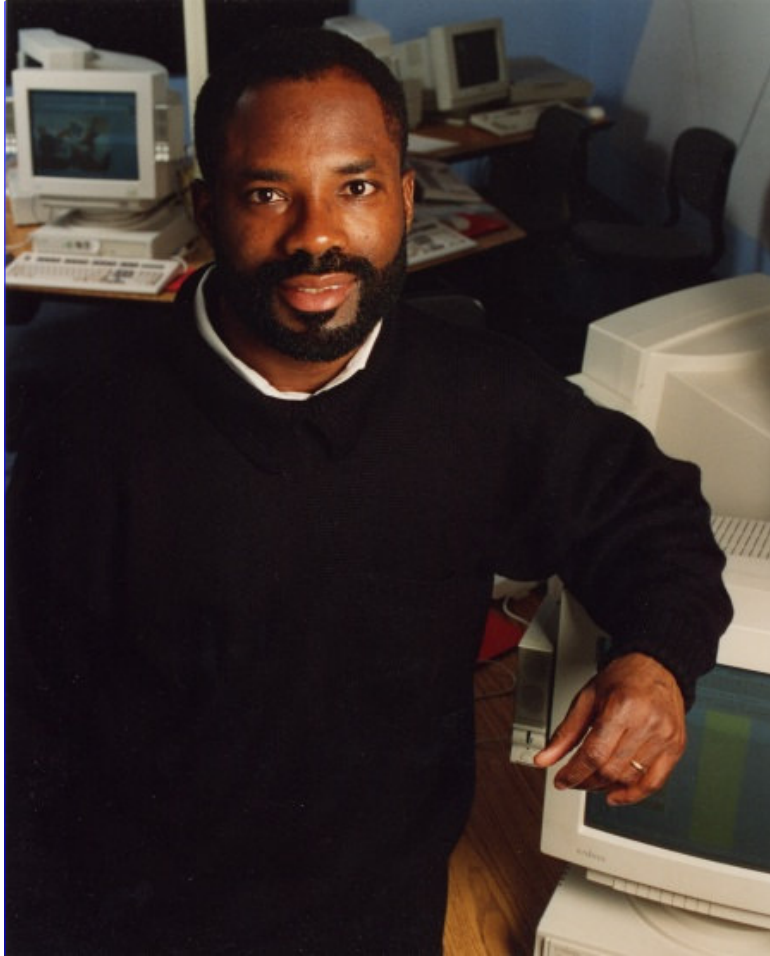
If you had been a white man, you probably would have been the richest man in the world and your company would be in Fortune500. Every single person on this planet would have known who you were in a few days after the media does it's thing.

Electrical Engineer, Univ. of Minnesota

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Comment: Emeagwali's Portrait
Location : The Science Museum of Minnesota, Saint Paul.
Date: May 9, 1996

That was about 10 years ago.... my brother told me that an Igbo man in USA invented a computer, and that his name and the name of the computer is 'Emma Agwali'. That was how he pronounced it. But

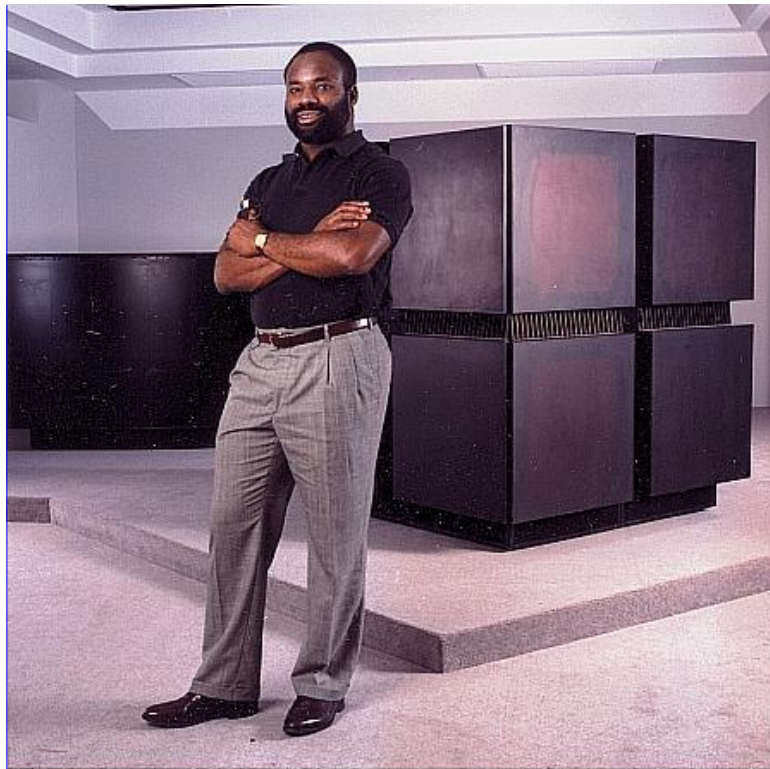
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I have now known that it is 'Emeagwali,' through your website.

A Nigerian



Comment: Emeagwali and World's Fastest Supercomputer (standing)

Location : 245 First Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142-1264.

Date: November 30, 1990

Without mincing words, I, Egbeama, Cyprian Emeka, a graduate of Electronic Engineering, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu State, Nigeria, wish to

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follow, with dogged and unflinching determination, your footsteps. Though we have not had any physical contact, I see you as a mentor, and hope that together, we, all, who see good value in what you have done and hope to do, will team up to bring succour not just to the Black race, but the whole world in general.

Egbeamama, Cyprian Emeka



Comment: Emeagwali and World's Fastest Supercomputer (sitting on stool)

Location : 245 First Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142-1264.

Date: November 30, 1990

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Your omission from *Time* magazine's past issue on this century's great scientific minds was inexcusable.

Ronald T. Jones

The journey through your website provoked an inventive mind, moments of deep thought, pity for the African child, even for oneself, but most of all, it also provoked uneasy interest.... It is amazing that with all your daunting profile yet you chose to remain rustic and often descend from your Ivory tower to share in our agony.... That there are so many undiscovered Emeagwalis, that alone could evoke the dullest mind to develop some sort of emeagwalism.

Martins Madufor.

Honestly, I do not share the same view of O Bill Gates Africano no matter the quarter it emanated from because it undermined your intellectual capability and profile, since your name has been painted in gold with the likes of Alexander Graham

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Bell and Albert Einstein. Bill Gates should not be used to quantify your superior intellect. Well, what I stated above is my personal opinion.

Martins Madufor



Comment: Emeagwali and World's Fastest Supercomputer (dark suit)
Location : 245 First Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142-1264.
Date: November 30, 1990

If I say that I'm not impressed by your achievements, I lie. There are Nigerian engineers and scientists actually, but there is 'A NIGERIAN SCIENTIST' and he is Emeagwali. You are a source of inspiration to all from a poor background who feels that they have no place in this world.... They

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call you the Bill Gates of Africa, but I chose to call you 'The Encyclopedia of Divine Wisdom'.

Uleanya Azubuike

I did not realize fully that I was communicating with 'one of the greatest minds of the Information Age', ... Philip Sir, you constantly inspire me whenever I look at your photograph in my room. You make me not to over sleep and overplay. I always remember your accomplishments, therefore I soldier on.... I love you for who you are and for your efforts to liberate humanity. Truly you are the first among equals.

Chigozie Nnatuanya,
Onitsha, Nigeria

Africa has to establish an executive post of 'AFRICA PRESIDENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY' and you ought to become the first president and Dr Thomas Mensah your Vice

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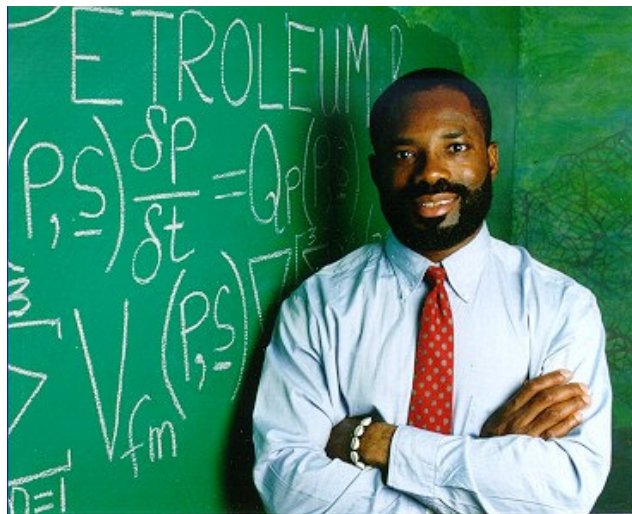
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President. Your key role should be to transform Africa and make it a well developed knowledge society with effective use of ICT.

Have a good day

JOSEPHAT SANDA DAR ES SALAAM

TANZANIA



Comment: Nature's Own Numbers Man
Location : The Science Museum of Minnesota, Saint Paul.
Date: May 9, 1996

I brought my son to your web-site to show him that we have many intelligent people in the world that prove that we too have much to contribute.

William Patterson,

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Poughkeepsie, New York, Mar. 7, 1999

You and your wife must increase your family size.
Your son appears to be a fine young man. You must
give more Emeagwalis to the world. Peace unto you
and yours. Great man of the century.

Glenn Waters,
Pittsburgh, PA, Jul. 7, 2000

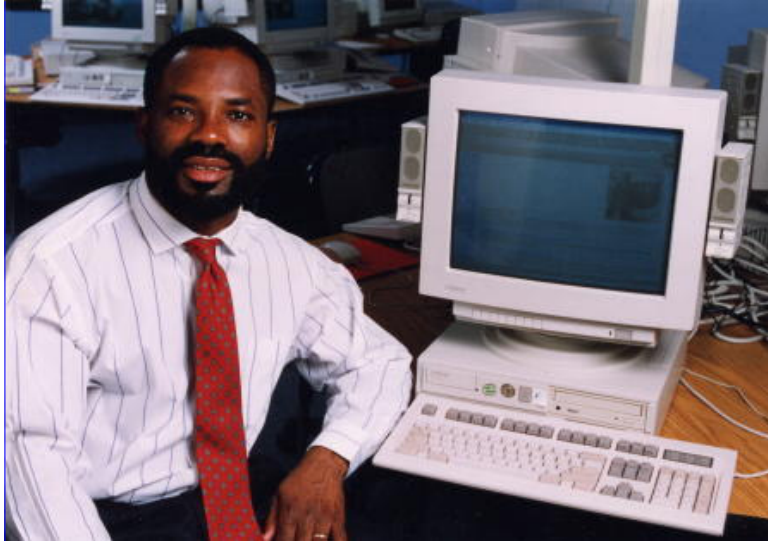
This is one of the best sites that I've ever seen
from an individual. It's not just technological, but
full of history and culture. Keep up the good work,
brother.

Roseal Bettis,
Maplewood, Minnesota, Mar. 19, 1999

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Comment: Computer Pioneer
Location : Science Museum of Minnesota, Saint Paul.
Date: May 9, 1996

Reading your web page I am in tears of joy for you. You did [not] just lay down and die. You took things to heart and followed your dreams to make things better for your family and all mankind.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Mar. 13, 1999

I am Scottish and a person who has endured trials in life.... I have sisters and brothers I don't even know, one of whom is biracial Nigerian/Scottish.... I bow down in respect to you and your wife and give you my deepest respect for your many achievements.

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Jill Barraclough,
London, England. Feb. 3, 2003

You are Buffalo Soldier. Stolen from Africa. You
are my inspiration.

Naiman Chavalla,
Tanzania, East Africa, April 15, 2003

I found your site very interesting and your history
very fascinating. I am recommending you as a
model to our young students of Imperial School
Kaduna.

Simon Nwakacha,
Kaduna, Nigeria, Apr. 30, 2002

I surely hope that you have a bunch of highly
trained body guards. We all know what happened to

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many of our great leaders in the past. God bless you Emeagwali.

Edward,
Pretoria, South Africa,
Apr. 16, 2002

Mr Emeagwali,
you are an inspiration to many of us especially from Africa, you are a proof of the notion that given the necessary atmosphere and enabling environment, the black man can rule the world.

Ogunhibe Bankole,
Lagos, Nigeria, Apr. 14, 2002

Mr. Emeagwali,
What an interesting man you are; it has been fascinating stumbling upon your website. I wish I had caught your talk at Harvard, but unfortunately I didn't.... I appreciate your openness and candor

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on a wide variety of subjects and look forward to hearing about you and, even perhaps, from you in the future.

Nokuthula Ngwenyama,
Cambridge, MA, April 9, 2002

Great Site and Wonderful Contributor to the world of technology you are. I'd just like to say thanks for blazing such a wonderful trail for some of us to follow. I am a 'veteran' of this young computer industry, but in no way on par with what you have accomplished and provide us all. It fascinates me that we have come so far so fast and I attribute a great deal of this progress to people like yourself. Thanx again and again!

Herb Ransburg,
Lake Mary, Florida, April 5, 2002

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This the first pride of africa and i will be the next
in the future just keep an eye on me.

yona fares maro,

dar es salaam, no Tanzania, March 27, 2002

There's always a valued woman behind every every
successful man; I would say 'good job' to Mrs.
Emeagwali. Prof. Emeagwali is more appreciated
abroad than at home. Nigeria, especially is loosing a
lot by not investing in the knowledge that world
leaders seek to have like gold to improve their
countries. I would enjoin those in goverment to re-
think and believe that we can no longer afford to
be part of third-world when we have Prof
Emeagwali. May God continue to bless you and with
more knowledge sir.

SAMUEL OLAKUNLE ARAOYE,
Philadelphia, PA USA, March 13, 2002

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TRULY, YOU'RE A GIFT. YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE GUYS THAT MAKE NIGERIAN PROUD, BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR WIFE EVEN BETTER, FOR BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL MAN THERE IS A MORE SUCCESSFUL WOMAN! HOW ABOUT THA? GOD BLESS.

Oluwagbemi Olubusayo,
Houston, Texas, Mar. 11, 2002

Dr Professor Ph. Emeagwali has done us proud. I think we all should raise hands up to ask the Almighty God grant him sound health, long life, more blessings.

Dr. Emeka Anyanwu,
Kiev, Kiev Ukraine. CIS,
Mar. 10, 2002

After doing my researches on your person and all your achievements I felt so proud to say this is someone from Nigeria who has shown to the world

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that, 'the body can be enslaved but not the spirit.'
All Africans or people of African origin that use the computer and browse through the internet or whatever purpose they use computer should be very proud that one of their own has proved to be the FATHER OF INTERNET. It is now wide open to the world that it is only when people of all races are given equal opportunities that we see people manifesting their true talents, skills and gifts. ... Like we say in my part of Nigeria (north) 'Sannu' and your people (east) will say 'Da'lu' and the Yoruba (west) will say 'eku ishe'. Indeed you are a father of the Internet!

AHMED MAGEM,
Lagos Nigeria, Feb. 22, 2002

I strongly believe that one day you will give us the AIDS vaccine (although this is not your field). Perhaps the combination of you and Prof. Dale Emeagwali and other prominent scientists will produce a think tank to help create the vaccine or

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get an AIDS cure. Short of addressing this very important priority, all of Africa's dreams will be shattered.

Louis Kanijo,
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania,
Jan. 16, 2002

Good Role Model for Nigerians...

You inspired me to select Computational Fluid Dynamics as one of my options.... I just want to thank you for being such a good role model for Nigeria and Nigerians. Should your academic career ever lead you home to Nigeria, expect to see me in the front row of your classes.

E.O.

Loughborough University in England.

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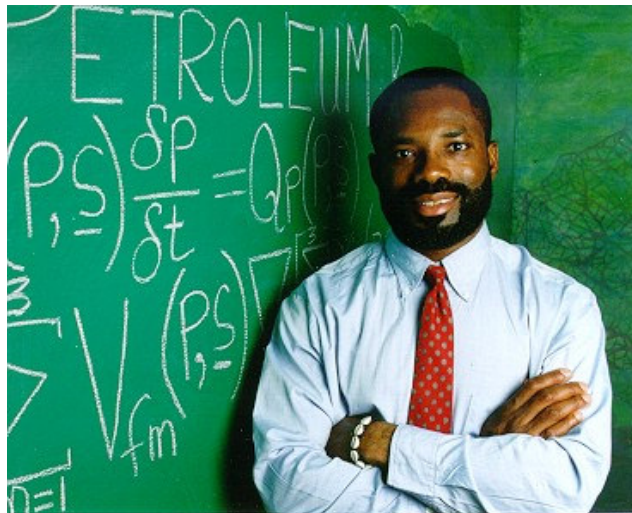
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You are one heck of a guy...

You are one heck of a guy whose story should be told over and over again so that Nigerians, Africans and all people of African descents can be motivated and say yes, "I can too"!

Larry A. , Ph.D



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Technology for New Zealand's ethnic minorities...

HAVE JUST FINISHED READING ARTICLE ON YOU AND YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, WELL DONE. I AM INTERESTED IN HOW THESE NEW TECHNOLOGIES CAN BE USED TO DEVELOP OUR COMMUNITIES. I LIVE IN NEW ZEALAND, AN AM SAMOAN[FROM PACIFIC] HERE OUR MIGRANT COMMUNITY STRUGGLES WITH EDUCATION. POVERTY, SICKNESS ABOUNDS[THESE ARE FIRST WORLD RELATIVITIES] YOUR LIFE STORY IS TRULY INSPIRATIONAL. ENOUGH RAVING OF HERE, WILL MENTION TO OTHERS OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT...IF YOU EVER STRAY DOWN UNDER, PLEASE CONTACT ME...MY FAMILY WOULD BE HONOURED TO HOST YOU... WILLIAM
New Zealand,

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Tony Brown Journal is looking for you...

I don't know why many of us (black folk) have never heard of you until we get on the Internet. I'm so happy that you can make your self known. It's people like you that Tony Brown (Journal) is looking for to inspire us...."

Eleanor



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A true son of Africa...

My brother, you are a true son of Africa, and worthy of emulation.

Professor Bedford N.

Author and commentator on African Affairs

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One step for mankind...

Your "Connection Machine" and Gordon Bell Prize is like the one step of a man that has unveiled a horizon of exploration for mankind, and to the Nigerian Nation a compass to the shores of Good Hope.

Chukwuemeka M.D.

St. Petersburg, Russia

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WOW!!!...

I just read some of your stuff for a paper I am writing and WOW!!!

pezman



Difficult times...

Stories like yours need to be told to the world, particularly Ndi-Igbo, especially at this time that we are undergoing one of the most difficult times in our long history.

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Uzo

I thought of committing suicide!!! ...

You are so correct As an African American student ... at the University of Alabama, depression and sadness is a daily fact in my life. Reading your article has lifted my spirits to allow me to continue one more day. It is sometimes overwhelming being a black man in America. With poor role models ... no inspiration and a hostile academic environment... I have thought about everything from leaving America to committing suicide. The struggles of African and African-American youth is a story that is never told. Please continue to inspire and create, because you may not know who you may touch with life.

D. M.

University of Alabama

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No geniuses from the tropics ...

I once heard someone say that there are no geniuses from the tropics. I am glad that I have found that the statement is wrong. You seem to have proved that.

Lowell A.

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Best web site in the universe ...

This is , by far the best web site in the universe. I teach Black History at our Church, and the information that I got is incredible! I love this!
Rev. L. H. Levine, Sr.

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We remember ...

You have really made your mark on the world. We are proud to say we know you. We have told our children the story about how you would take 21 credits while working and then complete classes over vacation periods. We remember your hard work and dedication.

Steve and Mary

College schoolmate (1974)

Bend, Oregon

My Good Ambassador ...

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In fact Sir, you have shown the world that what whitemen can do, a blackman can do better, so my own good `Ambassador' keep on your coulor moving ... we your brothers at home and other parts of the world are proud of you ...

Basil Eje. Akaolisa
Enugu, Nigeria

Nigerian Ambassador Speaks...

By this great accomplishment, you have shown the world that, contrary to many negative press that tend to portray the generality of Nigerians in bad light particularly in the United States of America, Nigerians are capable of achieving greatness and do indeed excel in many fields.

Dr. Hamzat Ahmadu
Nigerian Ambassador to the United States

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Shame brought by Nigerian rulers...

News of positive things like what you do make me a proud Nigerian, notwithstanding the shame and mess being brought upon Nigeria by our so-called rulers every day.

Donald Odiwo

IBM Corporation, DOdiwo@aol.com

Fastest person in the world...

Sir, I just want to articulate my feelings on stumbling upon the fastest person in the world.

Truly you are the fastest.

The 2nd Fastest, Doolia@aol.com

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Many negative bones picked against Nigeria...

With so many negative bones picked so far against Nigerian image, we are using you as an example of what one man can do to polish a tarnishing image...

Emma Aniebonam

Silver Spring, Maryland,

MANNY@softworksgcc.com

Go Phil, Go Phil, Go Phil,...

It is so nice & refreshing to read of one of ours rising above the horizon [strains of Go Phil, Go Phil, Go Phil, Go Phil, Go Phil,...]

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Debo Olatunde

Greenbelt, Maryland

debo@erols.com



Comment: Philip Emeagwali and Robert Matthews, Garfield East Elementary School, Willingboro, New Jersey, February 26, 1999.

60 minutes should report this accomplishment...

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What can I say. I wish '60 Minutes' or other news organization can spend time and report on accomplishments like yours.

Stan Anya

Dallas, Texas; a0005940@airmail.net

Astounded...

I am astounded you are not in the major news more frequently because you have truly achieved some major milestones.

Tony Morris

Washington, D.C.; morris@usgs.gov

Inspiration to pursue my dreams...

I continuously read your homepage because it gives me a sense of pride and provides me with inspiration to pursue dreams of my own.

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Franklin Nnebe

United Nations Development Programme, France;

FNNEBE%FF091.UNDP-3@nylan.undp.org

You don't deserve congratulations...

If you used your intelligence to figure out how to decrease our dependence on oil, then and only then would you deserve congratulations. US oil companies don't need any more money!

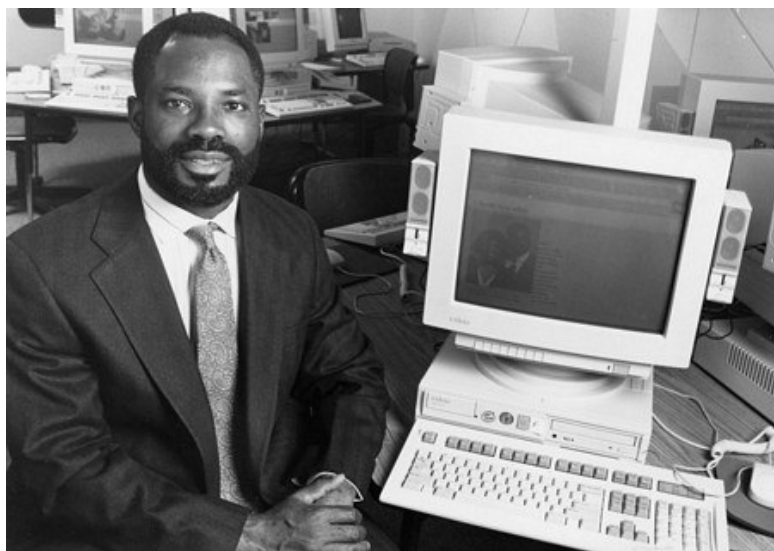
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Two Natures -- One Righteous, One Wicked...

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught, and history bears us witness, that the Caucasian was living in the caves and hills of Europe, walking on all fours, living with his (and her!) "best friend" -- the dog -- when Black men and women were living in high civilizations of Egypt, Ethiopia, Meroe and all over Asia Major and Asia Minor. Everything, every science and discipline that exists in their (Caucasoid) civilization was introduced by a

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Blackman of a Black civilization that predated their rather recent (6,000 year-old) one.

We taught the Caucasian even as recently as in the last 1200 years in Europe the rudiments of hygiene (though it must be admitted that this concept is, in a sense, a contradiction of terms), of husbandry, of agriculture, and of the astronomical sciences. We, the Blackman, not only named the objects in the Universe, but we put them there. We, the Blackman, also produced the Caucasian as a physical manifestation of the defect that came along in the Original Man when we self-Created ourselves (as God) so that all could see what would be produced if "wrong" was allowed to rule. Now the world sees, clearly, what they would and have produced -- Death.

As the Blackman's civilizations have commonly used science for the betterment of the planet, when the Caucasian has been taught of them, he (and she) has subsequently has used them to poison everything on the planet from the minds and morals of the people of the Planet Earth, to the soil, the air, and the future of every being on the

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planet. Wickedness. Savagery. Death. These words best describe Caucasoid products, wherever they are found. Everything that they have produced is centered in the science of death-making.

As Ben Wattenburg suggested in his recent book "The Birth Dearth", even their own species seems to be turning in on itself. The Earth (a living system of relationships) is undergoing a cleansing process, and the first and foremost to be obliterated must be the effects and the footsteps of the Caucasian Whiteman so that there will again reign peace on the planet and in the Universe.

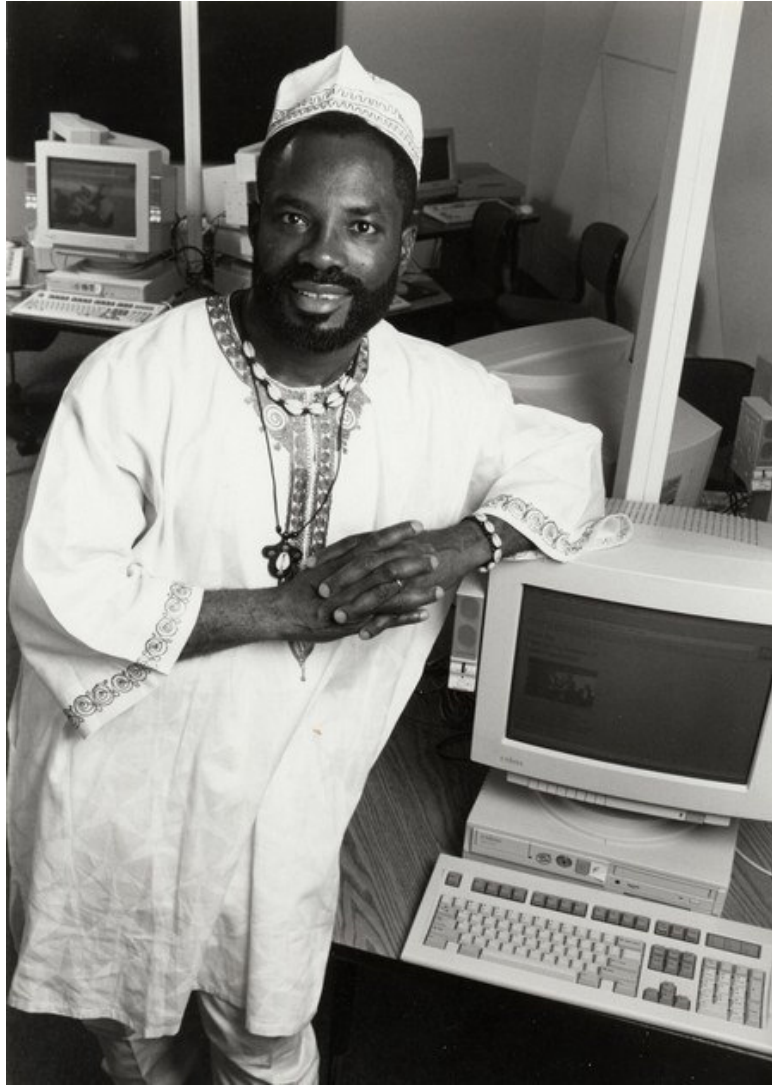
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[Awesome webpage ...](#)

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I took a look at your webpage. Was awesome.

Nelda White

Beaumont, Texas; neldaw@tenet.edu

Love to play tennis...

I understand you are a great tennis player, I hope to play you someday but I am going to need help with my backhand (don't we all?).

Simeon Olowere

Solowere@vnet.IBM.com

That child is crippled ...

Reading your article on a country called Nigeria I am sincerely impressed with your 20/20 vision.

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Before I left for Nigeria after graduate school, thirteen years ago, I use to think Nigeria is a sleeping giant. Unfortunately, looking back at Nigeria after being here three years, I am forced to conclude without remorse that Nigeria is in a state of perpetual cormatose, and if care is not taken it may come out a crippled child.

As a patient Nigeria is not receiving deserved teatment, she is being catered to by voodoo priests when what she needs is a group of brilliant minds like yours.

I hope the Nigerian government head-hunters are listening/or should I say Surfing?

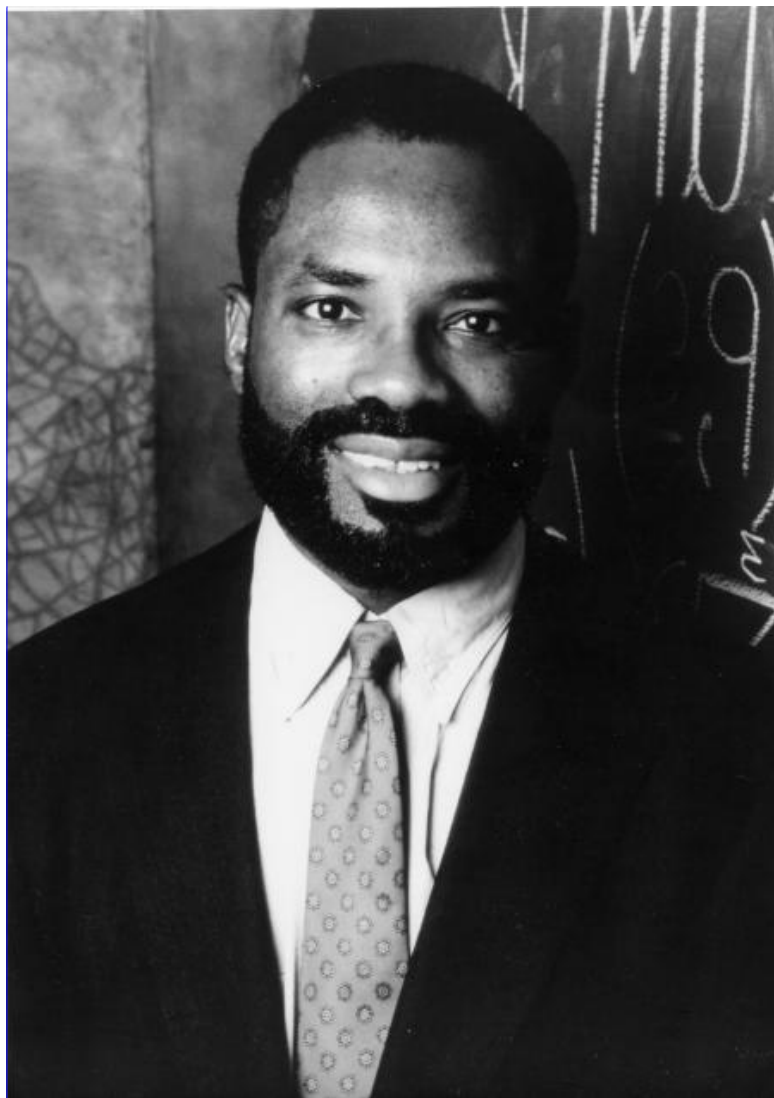
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lidey@megsinet.net

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Comment: Emeagwali's Portrait
Location : The Science Museum
of Minnesota, Saint Paul.
Date: May 9, 1996

Mathematics vs. basketball...

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Your profile on the internet has given me a very high inspiration to call myself a Nigerian.

I am very proud of you. I printed all the profiles about you of my computer to show every single article to my four children who were born in Canada. I have encouraged them to be somebody, to prove to the world that our genes are capable of becoming whatever we decide to be.

My eldest son is very good in Mathematics but, he is channeling his talent towards Basketball. I am trying very hard to encourage him to put more efforts on his talent of Mathematics rather than sport. At moment, I am still fighting the battle with him. I am sure that I will win the war if I can show to him the great advantages of mental faculty over physical aspiration.

May God almighty continue to bless you and your family.

Soyemi

soyemi@superiway.net

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Koran and the Bee...

Congratulation. You are a great man in Computer and Mathematics.

I was so surprised when reading one of your finding about Bees in relation to the computer process. It is one more marvellous finding of Bees. Like mention in Kor'an (Moslem Sacred Book) in Chapter 16, title: Bee, I believe that Bees is something special that we can explore more about their behaviour and not merely mention in Koran. Koran only give clue that Bee is a special animal. Eventually, You found something great about Bee. It is great. I was very impressed about that.

Once again, Congratulation Mr. Philip Emeagwali.

Landung Wahana

Indonesia, landung@kami.com

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Nulli secundus...

I first read of your achievements in one of the Nigerian magazines sometime last year. Yesterday I decided to make a search because I was so sure you would have a webpage. I ended up visiting your son & wife's webpages as well.

No doubt you have achieved a lot not only for the African people, but for all blacks all over the world. Your ingenuity as far as I am concerned in your chosen profession is "nulli secundus". May the good Lord continue to bless your family so that you can continue to show the misinformed people all over the world that BLACK PEOPLE DO HAVE BRAINS AS WELL! I will make sure I introduce all my friends in London to your webpage so they can see what their brother and sister have achieved.

Adeniji Okuyiga

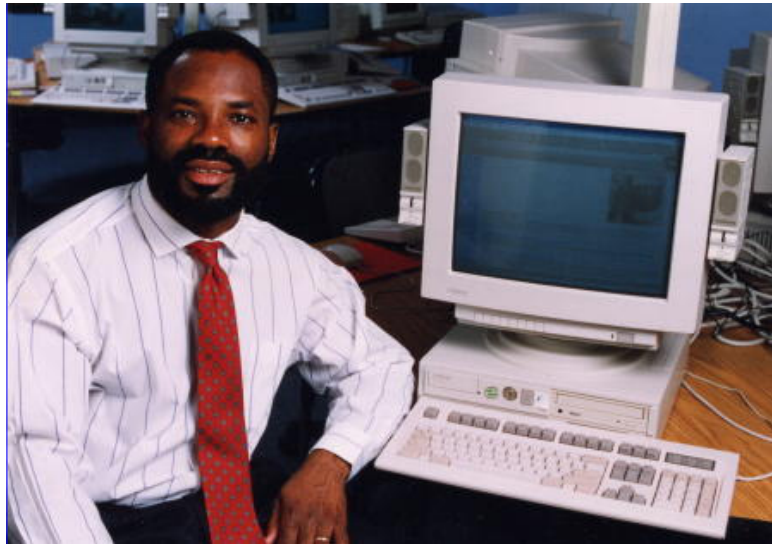
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Comment: Computer Pioneer
Location : Science Museum of Minnesota, Saint Paul.
Date: May 9, 1996

Emeagwali's formula ...

I am doing a report on Philip Emeagwali and I would really like to know your mathematical achievements. I already know that you helped the U.S. to start to extract oil but I want to know the formula of how you did it.

lithium@erols.com

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Debates...

I THINK IT IS A GOOD SPEECH. I BELIEVE IT IS GOING TO GENERATE A LOT OF DEBATES BOTH FOR AND AGAINST YOUR OPINIONS, AS WELL AS ON YOUR PERSONALITY PARTICULARLY FROM THOSE WHO MAY HOLD THE OPINION THAT EVEN IF THE FUTURE LIES IN THE INFORMATION AGE, PHILIP EMEAGWALI SHOULD NOT BE THE ONE TO TELL THEM -- THE POLITICIANS....OUR LEADERS PREFER THE SHOT-GUN APPROACH TO ISSUES AND ONE GOOD THING ABOUT YOUR SPEECH IS THAT IT IS TELLING US TO LEARN HOW TO BE LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS.
Adesola Adeyemi , South Africa.

SAD...

The points made were very solid, the progression between points as very smooth. The logic, as I

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stated, behind the statements made are as sound as I've heard and, in all honesty, I would be extremely pleased if I heard on the news that you had been nominated to serve on the board of Vision 2010. I would only pray that others who saw as you do would be signed on too. As a matter of fact, what I liked most about the speech is that it made me sad--it made me feel a longing for Nigeria and generated some kind of resolve to assist in some way or another as dictated by circumstance.
ekeh@fate.eng.buffalo.edu (Gaga Ekeh)

Industries...

You hit on the major points that need to be emphasized. As an advocate of the Internet, I have always expressed the fact that this is Nigeria's chance at catching up with the rest of the world. The creating of this infrastructure will put us in the right direction. Many nations that have adopted the Internet have obviously started

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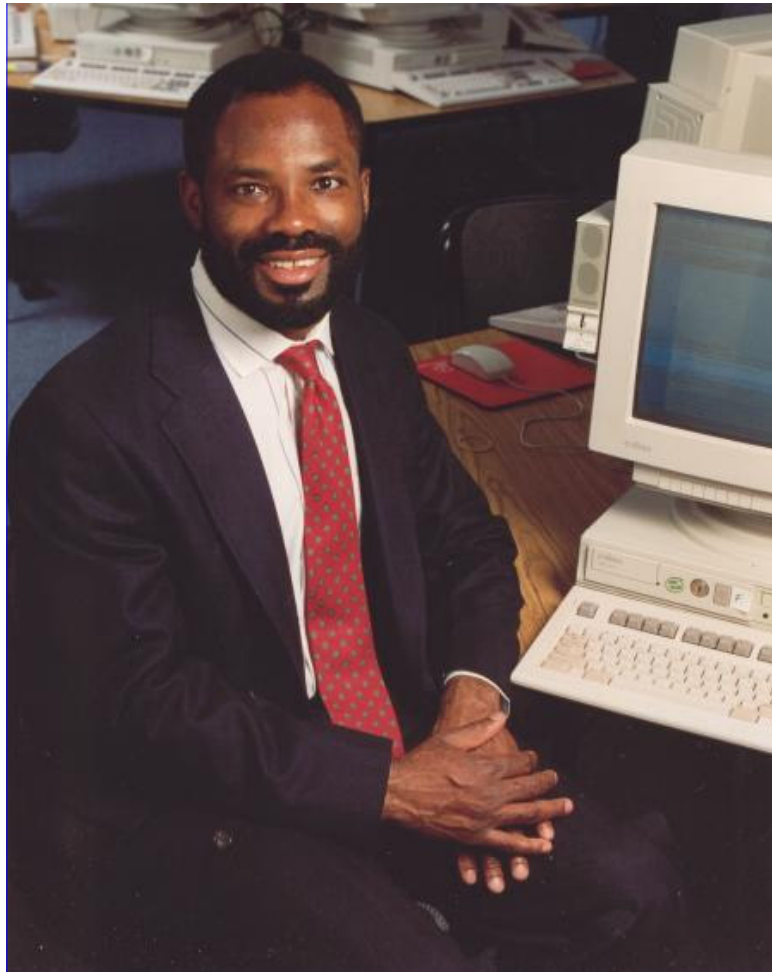
reaping the benefits of hooking up. Even along the West African coast, countries like Ghana, Ivory Coast and Benin are hooked up to the Internet so why not Nigeria? You have made the point about the use of foreign computer experts by some companies in America, even in Britian companies are exporting their jobs to Asia too because of cheap labor and the fact that it gives the companies 24hr office structure taking advantage of the time difference of these counries - can you imagine having a 24hr office. productivity has balloned for these organizations. The advantage for Nigeria would be jobs, especially in a country where there is currently over 80% unemployment. The Internet has a way of spinning cottage industries - Internet service providers, web hosting, Internet telephony/videoconferencing, Internet programmers etc. - these are job avenues for computer graduates and others who are interested in computers.

Nubi Achebo

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The speech is fine. Though difficult to know how to write it to force the hands of our rulers to

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positively take notice and take action. Other than this speech I even suggest that you write Abacha and his men particularly the Technology Minister (Engr. Momah of Nnewi) to lift the ban or reduce the minimum duties paid to import computers and its bits. My dismay while in Nigeria is that while the telephone connections to the citizens and calls round the world are getting cheaper in every other country, in Nigeria they are getting dearer. Presently it cost 60000 Naira (£462), paid to the government (excluding bribery) for phone connections. A three minutes phone card to Europe costs 1262 Naira (over £9). This is certainly out of this world! In fact, point of correction, your analysis that calls from Nigeria to US is 150 Naira , is when it was CHEAPER. However, I don't know what it is dailing from home- but then again how many people can afford the cost of connection plus another large deposit if the phone were to be used to call outside the country. Abacha and his men might listen to people like you. If you can write them directly things might change.

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MARTIN UZUEGBUNAM , Structural Engineer,
England

Galvanise ...

I consider it a very excellent, informative and challenging speech. It should make the congress and the subsequent readers not only reflective but very keen to set out on a voyage along the path mapped by you. In short it should galvanise US to action.

Adesola Adeyemi

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Comment: Emeagwali and World's Fastest Supercomputer
Location : 245 First Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142-1264.
Date: November 30, 1990

Love to play tennis...

To every man there comes in his lifetime that special moment when he is tapped on the shoulder by his peers and offered the chance to do a very special thing, unique to him and fitted to his talent; what a tragedy if that moment finds him unprepared. Sir, I must say that the articulation of your vision by way of this speech has indeed shown that those who tapped you to make this speech must be proud and should be congratulated. ...Your

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articulation of how technology has helped other developing countries such as Malaysia, Korea and South Africa and how it will enhance our economic growth was very well reasoned and measured. How can any intelligent person find fault with this speech? Sir, I think you covered the bases, however, a reasonable mind will ask such questions as, how do we pay for such a gigantic venture considering the state of our treasury? The answer is not far to seek. Cut expenditures such as Ajaokuta steel complex, reduce the size of the military and arms importation, privatize our corporations, reduce the size of government and return the country to democracy. The effect of these cut-backs may be draconian and sure will bring with it a lot of hardship but we must not forget that no one likes using iodine on a fresh sore, however, when iodine is applied to an open wound, it facilitates the process of healing. I'd say, let's find out how these countries accomplished these goals. After all, their economies were worst than ours when they embarked on this journey.

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That is why we must invest in education as you rightly pointed out
Finally, there is a saying that the reasonable man adapts himself to the world and the unreasonable man persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Let's hope that the people who are in position to put this plan into reality will take a good look at your speech and hopefully begin the arduous task of implementing the vision imbedded in your speech. You are like a rare masquerade, which comes out only on special occasions, thanks brother, may your ink never run dry.
Ike Igboji

Yet Another Atta Boy!...

My dear brother, you cannot Imagine the kind of joy I felt when I read that you are going to deliver a speech , on an advisory note to the betterment of our motherland. I have gone through the speech, and I find it very inspiring. Now, would the people

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that matter find it inspiring too? Because we are too far away from all the action and decision making, I Suggest you copy the presidency, finance minister, and vision 2010 committee the speech and its entirety. My brother, I wish I had the means to champion this believe with you but I beleive that proper persuasion on your part and well meaning Nigerians would generate proper funding for your veiws. HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT SETTING UP A COMMITTEE OF INTELLIGENT AND WELL MEANING NIGERIAN BRAINS ABROAD, THAT WOULD BE FORMIDABLE ENOUGH TO SOLICITE AUDIENCE WITH THE PRESIDENCY? My brother, faith can take you a long way. I strongly commend your speech. I see you like music too, I can tell from your web site. I recommend you go out and buy GLORIA ESTEFAN'S MI TIERRA (MY HOMELAND) its song in spanish but you would be moved by the english interpretations too. I hope it makes your believe in your motherland stronger. I hope you succeed.

HALLE@webtv.net (TINU DAVIDS)

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Comment: Emeagwali's School Visit

Location : Philip Emeagwali, Garfield East Elementary School, Willingboro, New Jersey, February 26, 1999.

Date: February 26, 1999

[You Go Bro'!...](#)

I've got only 1 word and 1 comment for you!
AWESOME. Your stars are in Orbit and still very far from jiving off a Tangent. So keep your groove

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going Phil and raise Naija's name to loftier heights
- as our "Own" People in Power have caused us
redeemable shame and dragged our determined
and hard-working psyches in the mud - leaving the
youthful minds and leaders of tomorrow to resort
to Self Exile in Oyinbo Land!!!

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I was suprised to discover the degree of your
contribution to this subject of my fascination but
more amazed that I have never heard about you
considering the fact that I read and actually
subscribe to every computing magazine under the
sun. I believe this is a color thing and I will write
to the editors of these magazines and journals and

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Braggadocio...

I remember vividly the day I came to you with a problem in calculus and you asked for the answer and not the question. You tried to arrive at the question through the answer. I will never forget that day. I thought that was very braggadocio. George Ekweozor, georgeekweozor@webtv.net High school classmate in Nigeria (1971)

Are you gifted?...

Mr Emeagwali I have noticed that most people who excell in what they do seem to be more gifted in that area or subject compared to others. Yourself is an example. You may have had the mental ability passed on to you from your parents. I am

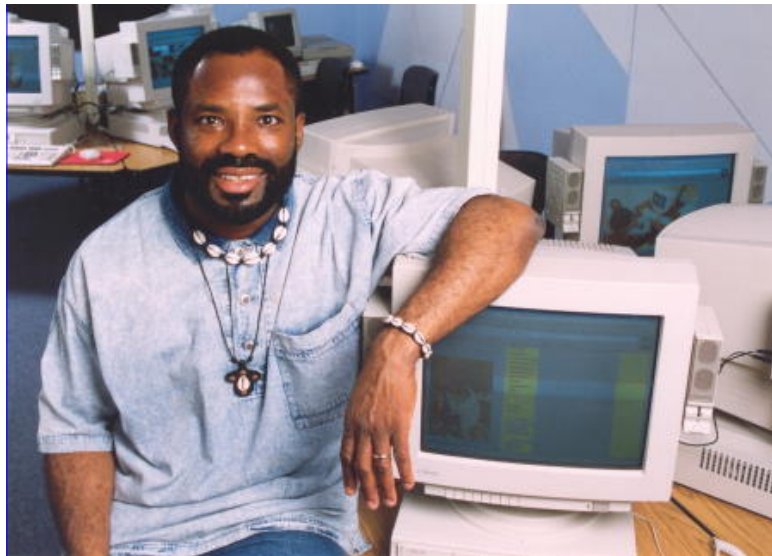
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interested in transforming myself into being a very good student. For you it appears to have been natural. How does a person transform themselves if they are not gifted?

Mike, LAKEMA@ROCKETMAIL.COM



Comment: Science Museum of Minnesota, Saint Paul.
Date: May 9, 1996

Biased western media...

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I will like your achievement with other blacks to be well publicized. I came to know about this by chance. I honestly think that the media in the west tend to conceal the identity of achievements made by black scientists. This has really worked well for them as our young brothers in the Diaspora are not motivated as they do not see there own kind in these fields."

Toyin Sonoiki, oluwatoyin.sonoiki@virgin.net
London, England

A clarion call...

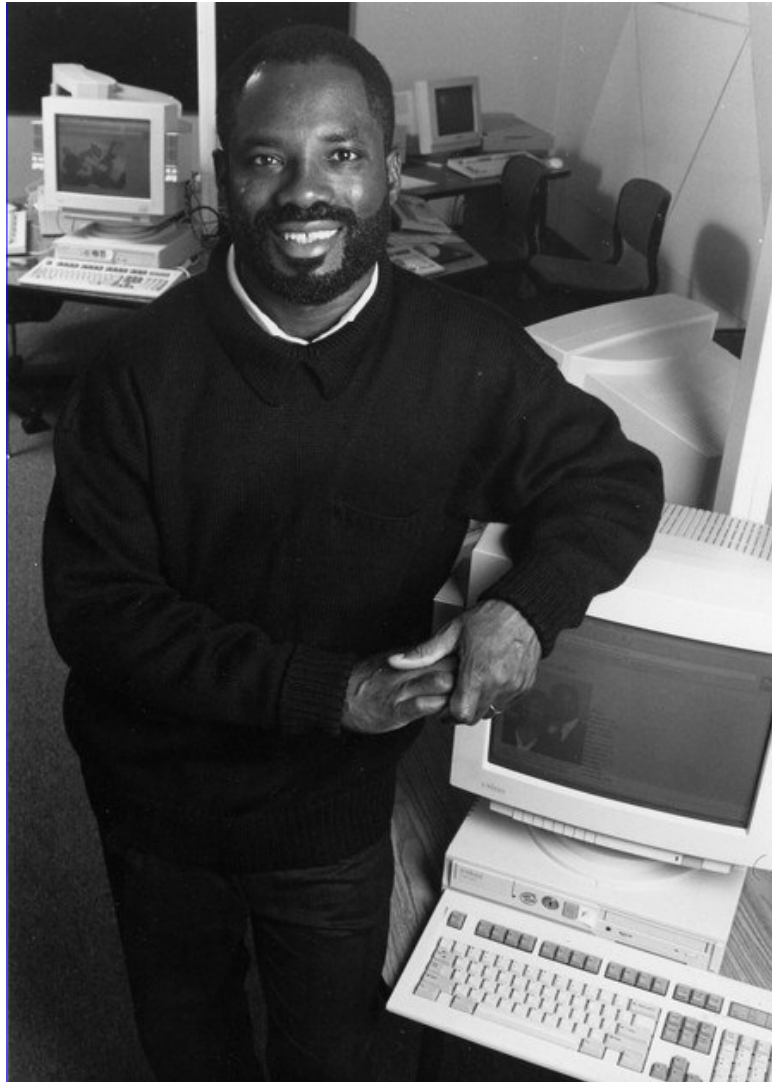
There may soon be a clarion call for you to come home and help us build the nation.

Chidiadi Ododo, adaudo1@pol.net

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Thank you for replying to our email we are grateful that you replied. We would love for you to visit our school. We have talked it over with the principal (Dr. Pamela Wilkins) and she agrees that a visit from you would enhance our school. So the next time you are in town please call us and visit our school.

Koscicool@webtv.net

Detroit, Michigan

Nigerian National Merit Award...

I have read about your accomplishments in the area of computing, and I think you qualify to be considered for the Nigerian Merit Award. A request for nominations has just gone out. Kindly let me know if you are interested as I wish to nominate you.

Wole Osinupebi

Forwarded by Engr Charles Akindayomi

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Political stand...

First, I would like to thank you for using your ability in a way that will be beneficial to the future generations. Many times Black accomplishment goes unrecognized because the man behind the accomplishment does not want to take a political stand, from fear that he might lose something himself.

We do not possess the knowledge that you have, but we would like to know what we can do to help to move the political as you continue to move the scientific. I feel that it is important for Africans and African Americans to rally around your accomplishments, as well as other accomplishments by the children of Africa. We must turn these accomplishments into triumphs for all Africans around the world.

I hope that you and your allies are looking into getting help from African intellectuals around the

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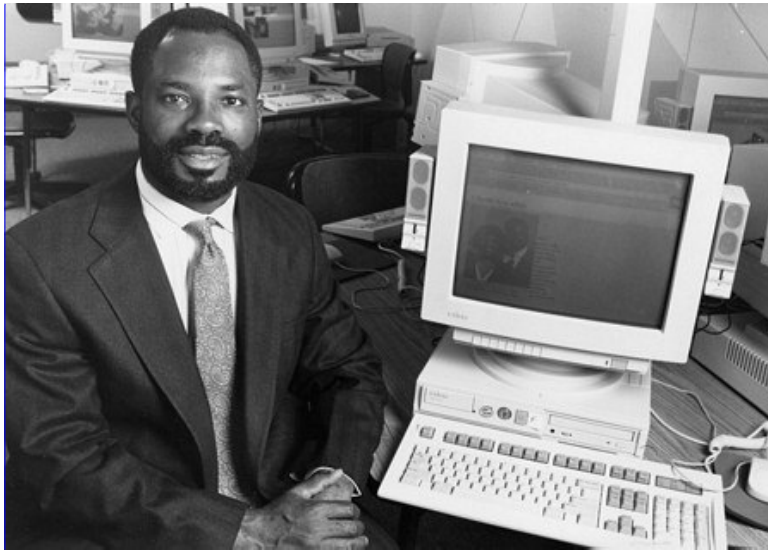
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world. This way we can spend man hours to further education, without losing man power that is needed to continue your accomplishments.

Peace and love,

Rashim and Khali Cannad, Cannads@aol.com

Maryland, United States



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No to white supremacy ...

Abba! Inferiority of the black race is not the point. It is ignorance on the part of those who think that way. Ignorance, that is the point. If blacks are indeed inferior to other races in intellect and

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ability, how can you explain the FACT that the US Library of Congress lists that Nigeria has the most number of PhD holders of all the nations in the world? (Check this out!). How else also can you explain the FACT that what is called civilization today actually originated from Egypt? How can you explain the enigma called Philip Emeagwali? Some even go to the extent of saying christianity started from the white man! No way. Open your eyes when you read your bible man! It says clearly in Luke 23:26 that Simon the Cyrenian (the African) carried the Cross for Jesus. Where was the white man? Then go to Acts 13:1-2 and read about Lucius the Bishop of Cyrene (African) one of the first leaders of the early church laying hands on Paul and sending him to take the gospel to Europe.

So, hey what do you think? We are not talking about the inferiority of any race here, more so the black man. Its ignorance to think that way. We better accept our differences and benefit from it man. Taiwo.

taiwo, taiwo@sacto.org

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Thanks for being ...

Next week I will be addressing a group of about 100 minority children for our youth awareness week. I intend to use your name and background in my brief talk....thanks for being.

Ferguise L. Mayronne

ferguise.mayronne@sba.gov, Florida

Give your life to Jesus ...

Kedu. Bawo ni? ... The Bible says what does it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his life. I will like you to emulate those who recorded outstanding success and did not fail to recognise their creator. If you have not given your life to Jesus consider doing that today.

Olufemi/Wale, HELOVEME@aol.com

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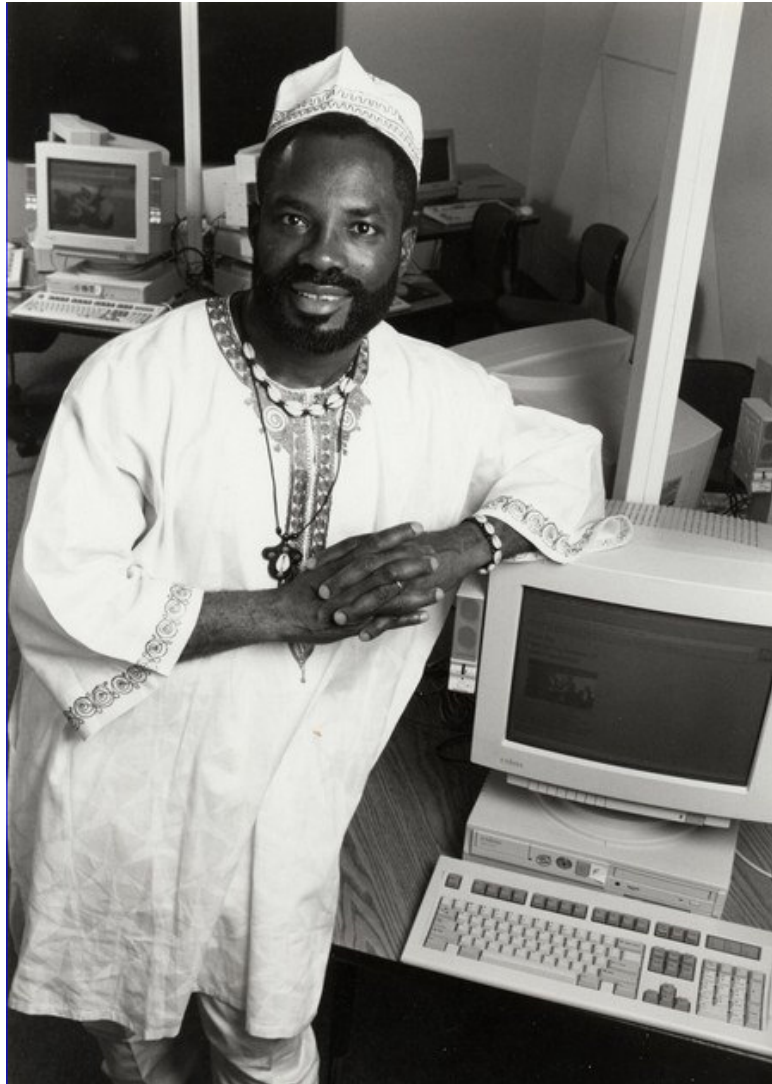
I salute your work ...

Hello!! I am an African-American student in Kansas who feels so relieved that there is another, famous, African-American with similar interests to my own. Once I visited your website, I knew I had to e-mail you with my compliments. I salute your good work.
LatimerB@aol.com

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I first discovered your (original website) about a year ago. I was astounded. I printed out copies of part of it and passed it out to friends who work with young people. I work for an electric utility and asked my EE friends with degrees in computing and telecom, etc. if they knew about you, and all were as ignorant as I was.

"WHY WASN'T HE ON THE COVER OF TIME OR NEWSWEEK?" I demanded to know. Today, an 18 year old university sophomore discovered your website on my Bookmarks, and she was inspired by you and your wife. Between you and Drs. Craig Black, Ben Carson, Paula Mahone, and Karen Graham, I defy anyone to say that our children have no role models except basketball players and rappers. I commend you and appreciate you all! Thank you for epitomizing excellence.

JD Slater

jdslater@pacbell.net

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Write your autobiography...

Reading about someone like you is very inspirational and reinforces my belief that hard work and perseverance is the answer. I have never heard of you and to be honest I was skeptical at first (just shows the extent of the brain washing), yours is a story worth telling. Please write an autobiography so future generations can read about your accomplishments. God bless.

Taj Oladiran

Your Genius...

I've read the many letters from other people of African descent...I can only repeat the confidence

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that you have given to them and to me. We as a people can not be silenced ...we as a people are a superior race... now thanks to your genius the whole of mankind will bear witness to this fact through out human history. I Pray to God for your continued success in the fields of technologies that 'others' believe that we as a people do not belong in nor compete in because of some fallacious and erroneous belief that we are an inferior race of monkey offspring.

Clyde Knight

clyde.knight@MCIONE.com

[Compared to Albert Einstein...](#)

You have been compared to Einstein and Bill Gates. They seemed to be individuals who have taken humanity to the next level with their contributions so I am more inclined to think of you as an

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independent scientist. Do you give lectures or talks around the country?

ADEDEJI A. AKINKUNLE

HGRW44D@prodigy.com

Call me...

Your web page is fascinating. Too bad there are not enough professional black men here. Call me if interested 216-XXX-XXXX.

Name Withheld

Don't change racists...

No I believe you miss a point, science is science regardless of race, creed or belief. The danger is people who interpret science as something which it is not, a social force. I know that you may disagree with this, but if someone says that a persons work

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is less valid because of the colour of their skin,
well then I have nothing to say.

I am a scientist and god forbid my work should be
of any use to anyone. Don't hope to change racists,
change their children, then at least there is hope.
I admire your achievements and hope that you have
many more

Eoin Fleming

E-FLEMING@classic.msn.com

Great light of God...

God Speed and continue to give old Bill [Gates] a
run for his money. instead of using his MicroSoft
Windows you can enter the world of
supercomputing with "Afrosoft Doors". John 10:1-
10. You are blessed by him to be able to have a
mind and will to develop such great technological
strides for mankind. Develop that Door so that
this nation can see that out of darkness shines the
great light of God in your blackness regardless of

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the Eurocentric attitudes of an Anglosaxon
America. There is hope still.

Reginald G. Pugh

Fayetteville, North Carolina

Pride of Africa ...

I learnt of feat 1st in the respected nigerian
n/paper -the guardian-while I was still at home.

Thank you for removing reproach from the black
man. GOD bless you and your family. GOD bless
AMERICA ,a land of limitless opportunities. Keep
up the tempo.

M T OLADAPO

RONKYMAT@aol.com

Inspiration ...

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I was doing some research on high school drop-outs for a speech I'm doing in class. I read about all of the great things you've accomplished and I just wanted to say that I think everything you've done is great! I only hope I can accomplish such hard tasks and do as well in life as you obviously have. I just wanted you to know that knowing this I have some inspiration and more hope.

Kim, 16 years old

Oklahoma

Tromso, Norway ...

We still talk about you here in Tromso. I think most of the foreigners here are very happy about what you achieved.

Mohamed Keyse

Tromso, Norway

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It's sad - it truly is...

It's about 2 a.m here in Chicago on a Monday morning. I guess I'm composing this letter because of the unbelievable feat of computing genius that I've just read has overwhelmed me. I just happened across this sight and read the accomplishments of this brilliant man. I heard nothing of this in the news. It really bothers me because I know the reason that I didn't hear anything and it's sad - it truly is. All I would like to say to Philip is keep shining, your achievements can't be suppressed forever.

Joseph Cotton

jcotton@ameritech.net

Unsung Heroes...

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Brother, I came across your accomplishment by luck. It is funny how you have not been given a write up in the magazines like *Time* and *Newsweek*. Your accomplishment is a major break through in technology but still they refuse to give you your just do. Well, I am inspired by you and all the other unsung heroes of African descent that have not received adequate recognition. It goes back to my belief that we are a feared people, and Europeans felt that they need to keep the field unlevel in order to compete with us. Well as the saying goes, "God gives you only what you can handle." From what I can see, you can handle a great deal brother. Keep up the good work, and make the rest of us and our ancestors proud.

Charles L. Calvin

ccalvin@erols.com

[Fly brother fly...](#)

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Your website is fantastic. I wish I could do the same,... Fly brother fly. You make all of us proud. It is so comforting and spiritually healthy to know that an African brother has done so much for world knowledge and understanding. Sad to say very few hear of you in Canada. We want our people here to know who you are and what you've done for the world. And more importantly, Africa and Africans are not just apes, but can also think and create. If we don't promote ourselves and our knowledge, then who will?

Frank Boahene, Ph.D.

Director-General, International Foundation of
Friends of Africa

kboahene@magma.ca

CONGRATS BRODAMAN!!...

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I CAME ACROSS YOUR WEBSITE ON THE NET TODAY AND I MUST SAY THAT YOU HAVE MADE MY DAY. AS A PETROLEUM ENGINEER, I REALISE THE ENORMITY OF THE PROBLEM YOU HAD SOLVED AND HOW INVALUABLE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. BRAVO TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. IT TAKES A GOOD FAMILY TO PROVIDE THE ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR DEVELOPING GREAT MINDS SUCH AS YOURS.

Dr. JUDE O. AMAEFULE

joavrmt@aol.com

You are a star...

I have heard, read and read and read all about you two [Philip and Dale Emeagwali] and I say, may God continually bless and uphold you as you bring glory

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and honour to humanity indeed. I lack words to express myself, the joy, shock, excitement, bewilderment, name it. As I put together my Ph.D. thesis in Linear Induction Drives (linear launchers), I must say your testimony has brought more life and energy into my being than ever before. You are a star and you inspire excellence.

innocent@emf1.ee.uct.ac.za

University of Cape Town, South Africa

Are you really a drop out?...

It hard to believe that a true [high school] drop out can achieve the level of proficiency you have attained in the science world. Are you really a drop out?

ADEBAYO GBOYEGA A

International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Italy

adebayo@ictp.trieste.it

Go figure...

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It is so great to see a man of color working with computers. I live in the Bay Area and worked with high technology companies in corporate finance. So few people of color, yet the richest people in the valley never finished college. Go figure but they are white. I want to see a black owned run and operated Microsoft.

Michelle Hutchins

Silicon Valley, California

mdh1@ix.netcom.com

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I am a scientist and god forbid my work should be of any use to anyone. Don't hope to change racists, change their children, then at least there is hope. I admire your achievements and hope that you have many more

Eoin Fleming

E-FLEMING@classic.msn.com

Keynote Address...

this is kayode ojo. the national president of the nigerian association of computer science students. you are really a source of inspiration and encouragement to the entire computer science students in nigeria. i will want you to deliver a keynote address someday at our conference. God bless you and Nigeria.

kayode ojo

Illorin, Nigeria

ojokayode@hotmail.com

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You certainly are a phenomenon! ...

You certainly are a phenomenon!... Someone came into my store at Berkely, California and shared some information with me about a Nigerian with a fascinating web site. I told a friend about it, too. Just yesterday, the friend I had shared the information with came back to say he'd found the web site [<http://emeagwali.com>]. It's magnificent. Adebisi T. Aromolaran, Ph.D.
aiufott@citycom.com

Philip Emeagwali University? ...

I have read your story with avid interest. I don't think that from what I have read about you, that Bill Gates come close to you in terms of technical skill. Therefore, that people will rank you with Bill

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Gates is absurd. Bill Gates may be the richest man on this planet, but as far as I know, he is very highly skilled, extraordinary, and imaginative entrepreneur. I admire him for that, but he does not have such extraordinary technical skill like yours.

My question to you is: What is your objective in turning this extraordinary skill into material wealth. Most important any plans of setting up an African Institute of Technology where African students and the world can come and pick your brain? -- kind of a University in your name in the mother land. Someone like Bill Gates see the world for the taking. He can pick your brain to achieve his imagination. He does it very well. He makes predictions according to his imagination and the rest of the world will follow him en mass.

Hilary Dike

http://www.ici.net/cust_pages/usufrnet

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Brother from America...

Dr. you are out of sight.....I can't really express my true feelings for your progress I am not that heavy. But it does my heart good to stumble up on this website to see that Bill Gates may be the most popular, but you have offered a lot to the science of Computation. You are an inspiration to me.

Johari802@aol.com

more more more!!!...

Tell me more about yourself.

TONNAMAX@aol.com

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You have made us proud...

You along with others like you have confronted racism straight in the face, and conquered it.

Michael Aregbesola

Ph.D. student, Queen's University, Canada.

3moa@qlink.queensu.ca

It's a shame ...

You are by far the most inspiring man I have heard of for many years. Honestly, I have never heard of you until I searched my computer. It's a shame that you are known only to a select few

Kimberly Smith

Iowa, Louisiana, kesmith@maas.net

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Nigeria sucks!...

Nigeria sucks! I was told that the Nigerian government is scared of the knowledge the citizen would gain by the internet. Ghana has a home page. Shame on Babaginda or what ever he is called.

Phil Odeh

Korea, ideo@soback.kornet.nm.kr

African Institute of Technology ...

What about using your achievements in computer science to seek African support to build a first rate institute of science and technology in West Africa -- thus African students will not have to travel to the U.S to develop their skills in technology. What about the WIST -- The West African Institute of Science and Technology. UNESCO might be interested in offering support in this regard.

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LKEITA@CCIT.ARIZONA.EDU

Born in Sierra Leone, West Africa

Hi Brother...

I came across your site purely by accident today. And I am glad I did as it reinforced my believe in what people can do. Without getting into a tirade, suffice to say I am impressed with what you represent and wish you more success. I will frequent your site and in fact, will recommend it to as many people as I can (including some of my students - I teach part time). I am in the computer field too, so it was particularly refreshing to see a fellow Nigerian achieve such a feat! You can be sure I will show the site to my son, too. Well, say hi to your wife and son, Kedu and Odabo; God bless us all :)

Rasheed Solebo

rsolebo@pharmacop.com

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Blind Materialism...

I read about you in a Nigerian newspaper, where I learnt of your site. I really congratulate you. I am very glad for your achievements which could not be covered up like those of many other excelling Nigerians (and Africans); yours are of those that cannot but be acknowledged by the Western world. Your success is of particular interest to me as I am also in the computer field, working for an oil company. People like you are a consolation to those of us who are appalled (to say the least) at the blind materialism of the corrupt few who are dragging this great God-blessed nation backward. Let's all be ready to move the country forward as soon as God rids us of the cloggs in the wheels of progress. God bless you, brother.

Jimi Odeleye

JIMI@statoil.no

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Racism can never be "overcame" ...

One of your articles stated you overcame racism to achievements but to correct this caption, racism can never be "overcame" it can be acknowledged as true, and life go on. I mean, we as melanin dominate people must find the strength in the knowledge that we are more than the average human evidenced by our melanin, survivorship, human nature.

bestlife@concentric.net

Massively parallel processing ...

Thank you for your web page on massively parallel computing. It is an interest area for me relating to my work in supplying "intelligent content" to corporate Intranets. The idea of utilizing a corporate Intranet to perform parallel processing interests me immensely.

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The question you pose, "Where can we find the expert parallel programmers?" is probably more a question of WHEN we will find them, as I personally see an upcoming era of interdisciplinary, information integration. Instead of the "killer app", I pursue the "killer integration" of intelligent databases and systems.

Has anyone ever performed parallel processing by optically linking say several Cray-2 or 3's and distributing the tasks amongst their instruction sets?

David Banash

dbanash@livingearth.com

Black dating services ...

You have a very interesting page. I enjoyed reading it. Does the questions change often? I like the way you responded to that idiot.

You are also a very attractive as well as intelligent man. I was wondering if you know of any Black

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dating services on the net for an intelligent woman looking for a professional intelligent man....

I would like to meet some men in my city who are classy and prominent and upstanding in their community. The bar scene is definately not happening. I'm 35 years old, a professional legal secretary and native new yorker. I have every material thing I want out of life, but I have control over my love life. I'm too old and tired now to play silly games and I want something different out of life. Can you guide me in the right direction?

Good luck with your page and keep the interesting topics coming.

Name Withheld

Love and not racism ...

I don't know how I found this interesting man, but I've been reading for three hours. Very interesting. I am glad my parents taught me love

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and not racism. Charlie

CDanesi142@aol.com

I felt like I won a million dollars...

I am just so very proud of you that I felt like I won a million dollars. I am an African American man and you are an inspiration to me. I would be more than happy if you can send me your autographed picture at this address.

A. Charles Ceesay

6223 Springhill CT. 303

Greenbelt, MD 20770

Thank you.

My father is a big fan of yours...

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I just found your page through Nigeria.com. I can't believe I'm privileged enough to actually be writing you. I read with awe about your "fastest in the world" computer before I came to America in August this year. You instill so much pride in me because one, you're Nigerian (Lord knows we need people like you right now with the negative world image we have) and secondly because I'm a Systems and Computer Science major at Howard University.

It's inspiring for me to see how successful you've become. I'm really right at the bottom of the ladder - just learning C++ programming language, HTML, and JAVA for the moment. But one day, when I become rich and reknown, you'll know you, in a respect, made it possible.

P.S I can't wait to tell my father I sent YOU e-mail. He's a big fan of yours too.

Yours sincerely,
Frances Uku

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babe@imappl.org

Youths need your inspiration...

Nigeria's youths need inspiration which accomplished persons like you offer to put this potentially great country, Nigeria, on that very high pedestal in the comity of nations where it truly belongs. Even adults need the inspiration too.

Fisan Bankale

Nigeria; Editor, *Daily Sketch*

Something good from Nazareth...

Something good can still `come from Nazareth.' I am very proud of you.

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Denis Isizoh

Vatican City, Italy; cdi@iol.it

You give us hope and inspiration...

News of people like you make it worthwhile for the rest few of us black scientists who often resemble "outcasts" amongst our peers and people. But, you give us hope and inspiration. And being a Nigerian too..."

Dr. Omoshile Clement

Pacific Northwest National Lab

Richland, Washington

My brother, you are noble! ...

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From one Nigerian to other, I am indeed very proud of you, especially these days that all we hear and read about young Nigerian men and women is drug dealing and credit card fraud. My brother, you are noble! Please keep up the good work. I share your love of computers and strongly believe that we can make a difference. God Bless you!

Joy Wigwe

jwigwe@the-hermes.net

What you did for me today...

This isn't about anything. It's just to say that I found the information about you by accident and it made me feel that there may be hope lurking about in the world. Actually, it just felt good to read it and so that's what you did for me today.

Thank you and I am,

Guy Ricklin

guy@polaris.mindport.net

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Don't get too corky...

Just wanted to say yr credentials are great and I'm glad u made full use of yr talents. It's pple like you that give meaning to life itself, ok. But dont get too corky, now. Well, I'd love to learn a thing or two from you. Hope u dont mind my adding u as a link on my page.

chichi ofoma

gs02ceo@panther.gsu.edu

Proud of Africa...

I am so proud of you and of Africa as a whole.

Mary Wambui Kihanya

Kenya; barile@genome.lbl.gov

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Bravoll...

You're an inspiration for those of us coming behind.

I am sure proud of this Nigerian!! Bravo!!

Kehinde B. Adetona

Univ. of Newcastle, United Kingdom

K.B.Adetona@newcastle.ac.uk

Thanks...

Thanks for opening up new horizons once again.

Carol

South Africa, zharg@iafrica.com

A quantum leap forward...

This is one of those technological breakthroughs that can have a profound effect in so many areas

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of our society that we can make quantum leap forward.

John T. Hall

Williamsville, New York

Compared to Steve Jobs and Bill Gates...

The Herald article compared you to the likes of Steve Jobs and Bill Gates and that means that people like you come around once in hundreds of years. It is a blessing that you are one of our own.

Uzo Ihionu

adaudo1@MEM.po.com

Africans looked as less intelligent race ...

You don't know me and I don't know you. But I would like to congratulate you for your great achievements. Being an African (a Tanzanian), I

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know how painful it is for the Africans to be
looked as "sub-humans, less intelligent race, etc."

You are a shining example. Keep it up!

B. A. S.

University of Bonn, Germany

U really tried o....

I have just visited your webpage and men, u really
tried o.

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Ikenga for Philip Emeagwali

By OBU UDEOZO, University of Jos, Nigeria.

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He is a natural poet ready to take on any subject that touches his people.
We shall hear of him more and more in the years ahead.”

Ikenga for Philip Emeagwali is excerpted from *Cyclone* - an anthology of poems shortlisted for the 2005 Nigeria LNG literature prize.

Comment: *Ikenga: A multidimensional Igbo term, that symbolizes the spiritual quintessence of the race. On the iconic level, it is a carved totem that denotes the vital life-force in Igbo cosmology. On the anatomical scale, it is equivalent to the outstretched powerful righthand of the individual with divine possibilities.

our landscape is a catwalk

of songs;

praise singing explodes

on every tongue,

trumpets and cymbals

more sonorous than April thunder

escort long drums and flutes

in their intoxicated tunes

our native land

is aglow with melodies...

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ñño, aka ikenga,

elephants float

on your right thumb

to compel the spotlight upon us;

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truth cracked
after your tessellated models

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tore the digital divide:

their fresh Ayatollah of malice;

truth cracked,

when your *chicken over oxen theory*

defied the deified Seymour Cray

to deliver the crown of science

upon the African Sun.

this hemisphere

is a Christmas of trumpets

our laughter season.

God who planted

the Onyx stone of Gad

within us,

is redeeming that pledge

of our sunrise.

our folks

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are summoned

across the four winds

for a steaming fiesta

over *Chineke's* smile upon us;



Comment: BY DONITA BROWN:
Ikenga altar statuettes are found in sacred shrines of the Igbo-speaking people of southeastern Nigeria. They are personal power icons that are believed to possess protective spirits and provide success and achievement. The word "ikenga" translates to "man's life force" or "place of strength."

SO,

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aka ikenga,

astride the surrealist oche ekwu | *handcrafted special*

Comment: a stool reserved for nobility in Igboland.

may courtiers rain you comfort

with peacock feathers

our fatherland

is drunk with songs.

what psalms

shall we engineer

for him who

beyond seven seas and seven terrains

captured the daybreak of foreign gods

your Papacy in science

radiates in alien tongues

what algorithms

of dance steps

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shall unravel

this immanence of our race?

Philip Emeagwali,

your Madison Square Garden feat

over fractious fraternity

at the hot horizons of knowledge

redeemed the millennial eclipse

of our ravaged soul.

your connection machine,

and honey-combed logic

in massive parallelism,

awoke dry bones

our God's gift

which vindicates Nwagu Aneke

that the children of Cush

shall outshine the firstborn;

Comment: an Igbo mystic from Aguleri, Anambra State, Nigeria; whose oracles strike a shocking congruence, with the Holy Bible's vision of The End Time.

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but they slapped
conspiracy across your paths,
padlocks and platinum gates
saluted your dreams
yet your *Chi*
lit your anointed breath

Comment: a personal god which the Igbo regard as their protector and benefactor. Igbo believe that one's chi is like the Christian's guardian angel.

for the Onitsha pilgrim
whose pocket betrayed
even at home
to pluck the gold medal
of the computer age;

a tale Bill Clinton
sprayed to a world agape;

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a sugared tale in our innocent ears...

your train loads of prizes
and caravan of honours
across the globe;
a dizzying statistic
that at last,
God has poured
His sovereign Spirit
upon all flesh.

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our current godlike mode

of fecundity and genius

across the globe;

is God's incomprehensible equity

upon all mankind;

whether Black or Yellow or Blue....

Philip Emeagwali,

aka Ikenga

astride the surrealist *Oche Ekwu*

may courtiers slake your thirst

with Divine wine.

mythic king

of our bloodline,

we polish our music with lightning

and erect anthems

sky high

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at our Maker's altar

for a wonder child

and proof

that the lamb and leopard

shall chew Divine grass

on Mount Zion

at the appointed feast

of our

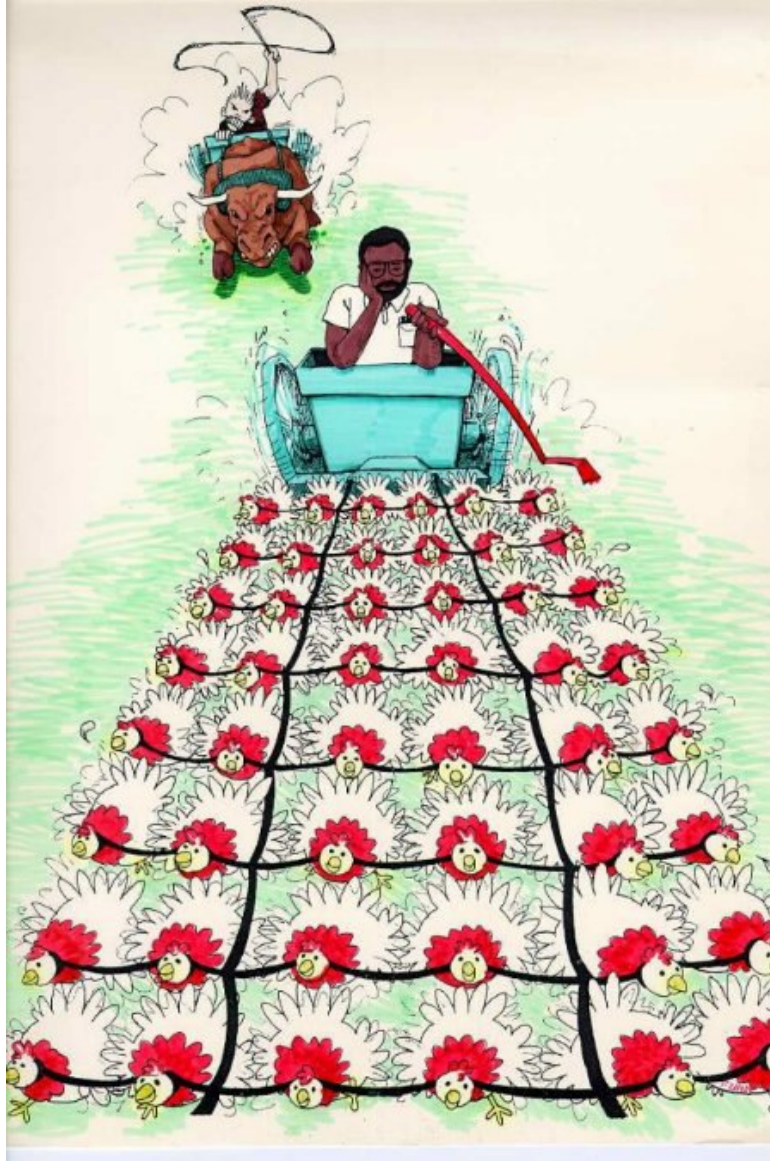
Christ and Redeemer King.

- Amen.

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Comment: Udeozo wrote:

“... your *chicken over oxen theory* defied the deified Seymour Cray to deliver the crown of science upon the African Sun.”

An early illustration of Emeagwali's chicken vs. oxen metaphor. He proved that 65,000 chickens (electronic brains called processors) are more powerful than a single \$100 million supercomputer, a discovery that inspired the reinvention of the supercomputer as thousands of electronic brains that occupies the space of four tennis courts.

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segways

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Segways is excerpted from *Cyclone* - an anthology of poems shortlisted for the 2005 Nigeria LNG literature prize.

mathematics is
the midwife of mysteries

surgeons and spies,
archaeologists of the mind;

your Onitsha cousin’s
tectonic calculus
delivers prodigal oil fields
from perpetual loss and darkness
by giving Fillunger’s fiction
the amazing flesh of truth.

robotic engineering
is census and prophecy
over human hairs,
the water’s backbone;
gravity of flowers and electronic eagles:

and after the

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water-maid's pure head,
equations become
flutes, rockets and flowers

become segways....

algorithms

become gods and Deep Blue
the Deep Blue
that served Gary Kasparov
a suplex
but swore celibacy
at the rebound...

geometric reasoning -

- the mythic face of kings
betrays no breast tinted lips...

your geometric reasoning
was our Moses upon the Nile,
colour coded
against the infanticide
awaiting Hebrews and Igbos

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astride time

the God anointed bloodline
to unveil the wind's cerebellum
the brain's hieroglyphics
and architecture of space.

and now
you serve
volcanoes a cup of tea
in a paradise of perfect machines

a concierge of computers
baby-sit other engines
for laundries, shopping, executive stress;
baby-sitting and browsing the web...

in a seamless patrimony
where numbers father systems
that sire huge googols of networks;

for our laptops
Internet, and every PDA
in our pockets
to yield the pay-load

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of

Mozart, Emeagwali, Einstein,
Achebe and Shakespeare

at a whistle call
and to heal every cold and catarrh, debt relief,
cancer, Ebola, neuroses, global warming, exfoliative
dermatitis, famine and create smart weapons
systems, smart clothes, polyglot refrigerators or
smart handkerchiefs;

to coddle us, console us, comfort us
at each whistle call;
in the armpit of rocks
in every face of earth.

for the pay-load

of
Mozart, Emeagwali and Einstein
Achebe and Shakespeare

to leap into our
solace
whenever we sneeze or sigh or dream

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and to oil our laughter
in a paradise of perfect machines...

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IGBO

By OBU UDEOZO, University of Jos, Nigeria.

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the earth
vanished into a pin-hole;
I am soaked with songs...

My ancestry’s
sharp beauty baptized me
at the forest’s nipple

- a pilgrim of delicious peace.

Igbo
space-shuttle and speech
your civilisation flowers
in every face of earth

yet your offspring
hide in the toilets

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of foreign tongues

your offspring
bury your sharp beauty
with the inferiority of mad English.

mystic damsel
I shiver
in your tabernacle's splendour

beyond Bill Gates and microchips,
you fathered supercomputer's *Emeagwali*
- a vapour in the ocean
of your maltreated genius.

mystery's powdered face
succumbs to insight

we must rescue
our lone baby from oblivion's fire

we must re-plant
our fingerprint
against the monologue of English,

resurrection
awaits those
who drink from our roots

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not our suicidal love of foreign gods.

- by Obu Udeozo.

Comment: "A man with a message, a very heavy and urgent message."
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PRESS REVIEWS: CLIPS.

“Udeozo’s Cyclone and Compassion treat almost every subject under the sun...”

DAILY SUN.

“ Universality is one word which summarizes Obu Udeozo’s themes in Cyclone. The poet is versatile in handling varieties of themes with amazing ease and mastery.”

The GUARDIAN.

“...his is indeed a most universal range covering traditional African lore, myths of Africa and other lands, sacred scriptures both Judeo - Christian and oriental, classical literature and history, music, painting and contemporary Africa and world affairs. His poetic range is bewildering....”

Prof. Francis E. Ngwaba Fulbright Scholar.

“....from galaxies to atoms, from deserts to oceans, from sharks to worms, from cities to forests: he ranges through the landscape of human experience, bringing together agony, and bliss, betrayal and loyalty.... This volume confirms Udeozo unequivocally as the master of metaphor.”

Rt. Rev. Emmanuel S.

Egbunu, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese, of Lokoja, Nigeria.

“Cyclone is quite simply out of this world. The cover features the 1999 picture “Shark!”

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by Jeffrey L. Rotman. The all - black page 300 has a round “worm hole” leading to the ozone or the galaxy... The equally black page 303 has the poem “Negative Victor Ludorum” laid upside down etc. The forming and layout of some of the poems are otherworldly. Beyond the designs Udeozo remains a poet of solid words, writing a kind of poetry that sets fire on ice.”

NEWAGE.

“Cyclone is a creatively fierce book which volume and quality, uniqueness of style, meet at the same sublime summit... Udeozo’s poems are either singing, leaping or they are just soaring... a seraphic orchestra.

LEADERSHIP Sunday.

“Obu Udeozo’s poetry resonates with a delightful music and an amazing simplicity of idiom. Yet he deals with very complex emotions and vivifies every acute metaphor with a learned grasp of phenomenal nature...”

Sunday VANGUARD

“Architecture patterns are strikingly used to foster a form - sense synthesis... The result approximates the professed goal of the Heideggerian search for a quintessential language.”

The SUNDAY MAGAZINE

“...relentlessly experimental.”

The POST EXPRESS

“Like Okigbo, rainbow, thunder, death...flowers, wine, religion, colours, songs, music, nature, history, politics, culture, memories, symbolism, entertainments, beauty and more, are found in Udeozo’s mature and sophisticated simple poetry.”

IN OKIGBO LISTING TO UDEOZO

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Chinua Achebe

“A man with a message, a very heavy and urgent message.”

OKIKE: An African Journal of New Writing

“He strides along the pages trying to recapture the picturesque. Like the master of metaphor that he is, he translates the brush strokes of his fertile imagination into the canvas of poetic surrealism... He is on of such spirits stirred by the Divine.”

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EMEAGWALI'S SIGNIFICANCE TO CIVILIZATION

By: Obu Udeozo

Comment:

First published in *The African Profiles* in 1997, and in several Nigerian publications.

An Igbo man from Nigeria is being idolized in America, as a King of the Computer age. That foreign Universities, research institutions and Western nations compete for his lecture tours, plus media coverage like a Head of State!

What does this mean to the Kenyan, the Yoruba, the Ghanian, the Berom, and the Zulu among us. What does achieving the world's fastest computation at 3.1 billion calculations per second: implying break-through in medical science, automobile engineering and many other fields of knowledge; mean to 20th century society's blackman, and developing nations?

Several levels of significance exist in human endeavors. An event qualifies for historical reckoning if it attains the super-ordinate status and proves of enduring value.

Individuals and nations that make impact to civilization become wheels upon which the world's progress rolls for ages.

One cannot imagine a world without fire and agriculture, without reading and writing, without the Egyptians and Greeks, without Galileo and Einstein, a world without television and electronics, and now a world without **Massive Parallelism** and Emeagwali.

It has not always been this way.

Like a faded photograph, traumas in the recent past, has blurred our communal minds. After our colonial experience, developing nations lapsed into psychic inertia: passively watching major developments in the world, without respectable contributions on our part.

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Comment: The Emeagwali Family (L-R) Francis Ndaguba Emeagwali, Edith Chinwe Emeagwali, James Nnaemeka Emeagwali, Martin Ikemefuna Emeagwali, Agatha Iyanma Emeagwali, Charles Emeagwali, Florence Onyeani Emeagwali, Philip Chukwurah Emeagwali (Agbor Street, Uromi, Nigeria. December 24, 1962)

Against this background, Emeagwali's significance is multifold. His feat is unprecedented. The achievement occurred in a rarefied field of science. And it represents a climax of on-going "myth-breaking" events in our own side of the story.

However, one must be wary of hyperboles. Emeagwali did not manufacture the computer he used, nor can Nigeria invent any from scratch to showroom.

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Emeagwali's achievement is a landmark in an increasing wave of black triumphs in our time. There is an alarming penetration of Blacks into territories, which the world had felt were beyond our peculiar nature.

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After the legendary Mohammed Ali's assertion that there will never be a White World Heavy Weight Boxing Champion, unless there are no good Blacks, we now have an avalanche of Superstars in several specialties, Michael Jackson, Mike Tyson, Michael Jordan, Mike Marsh, as if excellence were a monopoly of MIKES!!

Yet, the demeaning myth endured.

It seemed as if the genius of developing nations were limited to events needing stamina and not cerebration.

It appeared with almost frightening verisimilitude that we could not perform at those sublime activities which required exercising the human mind at its highest intensity.

Our earlier men of genius, persons like Chike Obi, Awojobi, Ali Mazurui, the Okigbos, and Abdul Salam appeared like pitiable exceptions in an ocean of ineptitude.

General Colin Powel recently observed that Africans are losing even those elementary comforts we inherited from colonialism.

These days, evil appears to have headquarters on our soil. Every conceivable vice flourishes here - robbery, dishonesty, starvation, civil war, cruelty and conspicuous consumption.

To worsen matters, African Leadership, by Africans for Africans have squandered more of their nation's wealth, than the colonial masters ever harvested in the entire continent.

Somehow, it was becoming self evident, that we were degenerate and disoriented.

And this reinforced the SUPERIORITY COMPLEX of our detractors.

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Are we doomed to subjugation and depravity.



Let it be noted that this is not a racist treatise. Spreading the gospel of inter-racial acrimony can only compound the problem. I believe that racism, ethnicism and their sisters, are counter-productive in life. Private happiness and collective peace are ruined by excessive self-interest. Therefore, sign-posts like creed, nation, color and tribe merely amplify human problems. The noble man is

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he whose mind can embrace the world in equal fellowship. This is the mark of cultivation and genius.

Nevertheless, the issues herein addressed are primeval.

We are talking about a SOLID feeling that gripped the black mind in recent history. The tenuous feelings of underprivilege, emasculation and bewilderment; he either accepted or revolted against.

And this is a fact of life not fiction - however bitterly it is denied.

Regardless of the strings of successes persons from developing nations had made in various fields of knowledge, the suspicion lingered, that there were certain areas of scholarship our "Humanity" could not handle. Ever heard of a blackman being the World Champion in chess, or a Nobel Prize Winner in Molecular Medicine, Quantum Mechanics or Fractal Geometry. Winning in such areas seemed as unlikely as a blackman being the President of Japan.

But now, all this has changed.

The emergence of Emeagwali and his stunning accomplishments in super computers, with degrees in five different discipline, like Applied Mathematics, Ocean and Marine Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, another in Mathematics, and of course a Doctorate degree in Scientific Computing - we can say that his celebration in America and Western Nations, is a sweet vindication of God's impartiality concerning Genius.

Before qualifying this jubilation as unnecessary and baseless, consider Chinua Achebe's response as a clue to the mentality of foreigners in this concern. Said he, "Equality is the one thing which Europeans are conspicuously incapable of extending to others, especially Africans."

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This discourse sets our present status and achievement in its proper historical light. An Igbo proverb says that: "he who does not remember when and where it started raining on him, will not appreciate when it stops".

Things have changed without a doubt. Not many Europeans still hold the view credited to the German Scholar, Late Janheinz Jahn who said:

"only the most highly cultivated person counts as a real European. A real African on the other hand ... lives in the bush ... goes naked ... and tells fairy stories about the crocodile and the elephant. The more primitive, the more really African".

We are compelled to take cognizance of Emeagwali's contributions and to celebrate them, because contemptuous treatment of developing nations, exist in Western Societies, at varying levels till date.

Of man's countless inventions, the COMPUTER is an amazing icon of veneration because of its dazzling possibilities. The machine revels in a snobbish exclusiveness because even its operators wear an aura of privilege.

It is upon this Western Civilization's Crowning Jewel, that Philip Emeagwali, from Onitsha, Nigeria - is considered the "**World's Fastest Man:**" having also made history by being the first Solo Winner of the Gordon Bell Prize, which hitherto, was won only by seasoned research teams.

The argument is finished.

Emeagwali's brilliance is akin to an ablution; it has upturned the perverted logic of bigots and supremacists, who classify certain

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individuals or races, as second class beings or out-rightly sub-human.

Emeagwali, and others like Prof. Nnaji who is considered among the World's best three Robotics Engineers, Olarenwaju Adeyiga, Howard's Obstetrician and Gynecologist, Dr. Ofodile, a Plastic Surgeon and member of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery are Africans at the peak of excellence in their various disciplines at the summit of science.

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These accomplishments are a metaphor for freedom. They are proofs of the universal quality of genius, as freely bestowed on

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mankind by God to Emeka, Pollock, Kofi, Kim, Ibrahim and Aristobulus.

But ironically, it is at this climax that our celebration must halt. We critically need a solemn self re-assessment.

What are our chances of sustaining these break-throughs for contributing our respectable quota to human society.

The philosopher Whitehead says that "Civilization develops only where considerable number of men work together for common ends".

In Nigeria for instance, male youths from Emeagwali's area no longer go to school by a pathetic extent. Discriminatory policies entrenched in our nation translate school leavers especially from Igboland into candidates of despair and helplessness.

In a situation where citizens of a nation are denied equal rights to basic amenities of life, where mutual suspicion, rivalry and hatred inspire State Policy; where embezzlement of public funds and violence reign, how can we harness the **consensus** for progress.

Whereas developed nations, comfortably ahead of us are tirelessly seeking new inventions, like reported prospects of computers being designed that will monitor and minimize energy waste in the home, fine tune the car fuel system, flag us when something needs repair, they will also warm the garage, lock the doors and perform an assortment of tasks.

Here in Africa, as a result of insensitivity in high quarters and misplaced priorities, foreign musicians routinely organize charity shows to save our population from flooding, guinea worm infection and starvation.

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The Continent's problems have become so severe, that even our best minds are uttering what was once considered sacrilegious. Prof. Ali Mazurui recently advocated "Benign Recolonization" of Africa by Africans more prosperous nations, in order to rescue us from total collapse. o

But when African Scholars, Professors and graduates alike, scramble for opportunities to teach pupils in Western Nations and America, in order just to feed, when our graduates wash dishes, serve as night guards and petrol attendants overseas, what other passport or visa to Neo-Colonization do we require.

Africa's problems are not congenital nor "in our stars". We can and have now triumphed in academics. Our athletes and footballers are admired worldwide and paid salaries that would make most of their home Governments to salivate.

What we pray for is an environment of peace and justice, which does not negate progress among us.

We need International Award Winning Politicians, Soldiers and God fearing Leadership in Africa now!

It is their turn.

Only this will enable us contribute our proven equality to all fields of human endeavor.

The world does not owe us a free lunch.

Compared with the prospects of his native land surviving into the 21st century, Emeagwali's feat however lofty and commendable fizzles. It is like fielding George Opong Weah, because he was the world's most valuable player, to face Brazil's National team, ALONE - in a crucial match.

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History of the Internet

A Chronology, 1843 to the Present

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Black nations must begin addressing injustices in our societies which transform us into ready made topics for ridicule, debate and contempt on earth.

And we cannot do so, when our school children have no uniforms, no classrooms, nor textbooks, and when lecturers are on strike and our Universities are closed indefinitely - and nobody cares.

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On the 50th anniversary of the computer, we salute the brilliant pioneers behind this modern miracle

Just fifty years ago, the world's first electronic computer was unveiled. This remarkable invention has changed our lives faster than any other invention in history. Moreover, the rate of change is accelerating.

The women and men of EDS salute those whose insights, vision and persistence have contributed to developing this remarkable tool.

A leader among them is Dr. Philip Emeagwali. Emeagwali is an interdisciplinary computer scientist and inventor who developed software that allowed multiple processors to tackle complex problems simultaneously, paving the way to solving problems once thought unsolvable.

Inspired by the complex designs of nature, Emeagwali used geometry to prove that bees use the most efficient method possible to construct their honeycombs. He reasoned that a computer

based on the honeycomb design could improve efficiency. It did. His design breakthrough allowed 65,000 processors working together to perform the world's fastest computation at 3.1 billion calculations per second.

That was three times the speed of the fastest supercomputers of the day – at one-fifth the cost.

Today, he is pushing the limits of computing and networking even further. Dr. Emeagwali's inventions have helped improve yields from oil reservoirs as well as the accuracy of weather forecasting.

He is also working on developing supercomputers powerful enough to simulate weather trends over a century to investigate atmospheric warming.

EDS applauds Dr. Emeagwali and all those who are harnessing the power of information to improve life for millions. Without their work, we couldn't do ours.



Dr. Philip Emeagwali

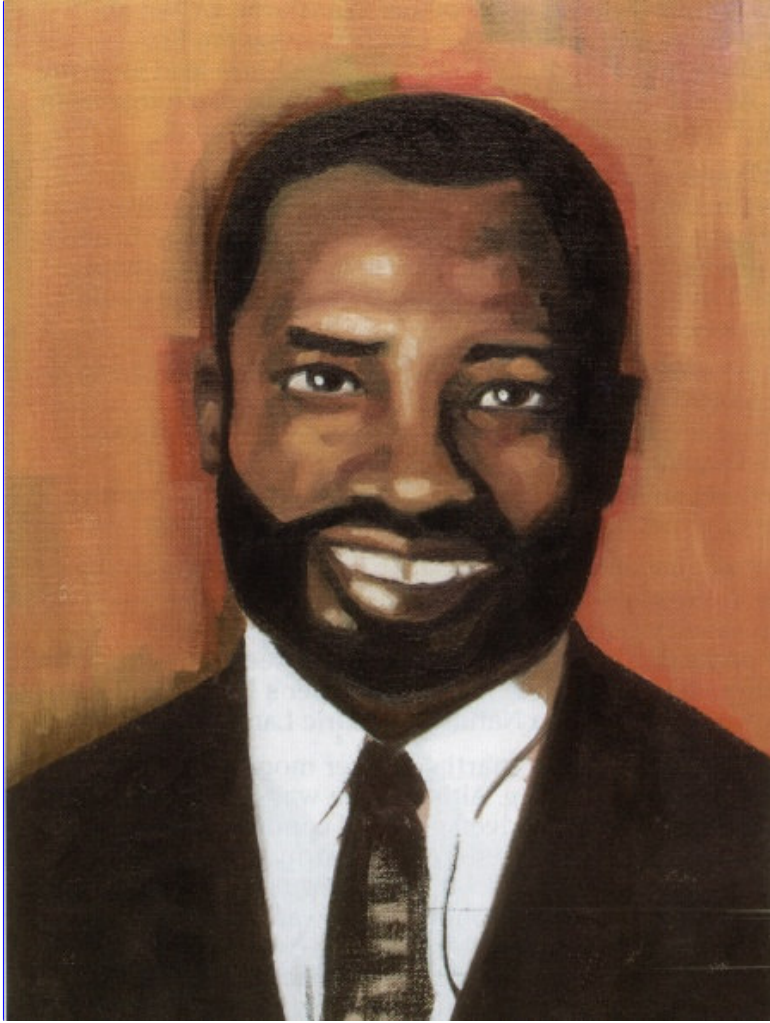
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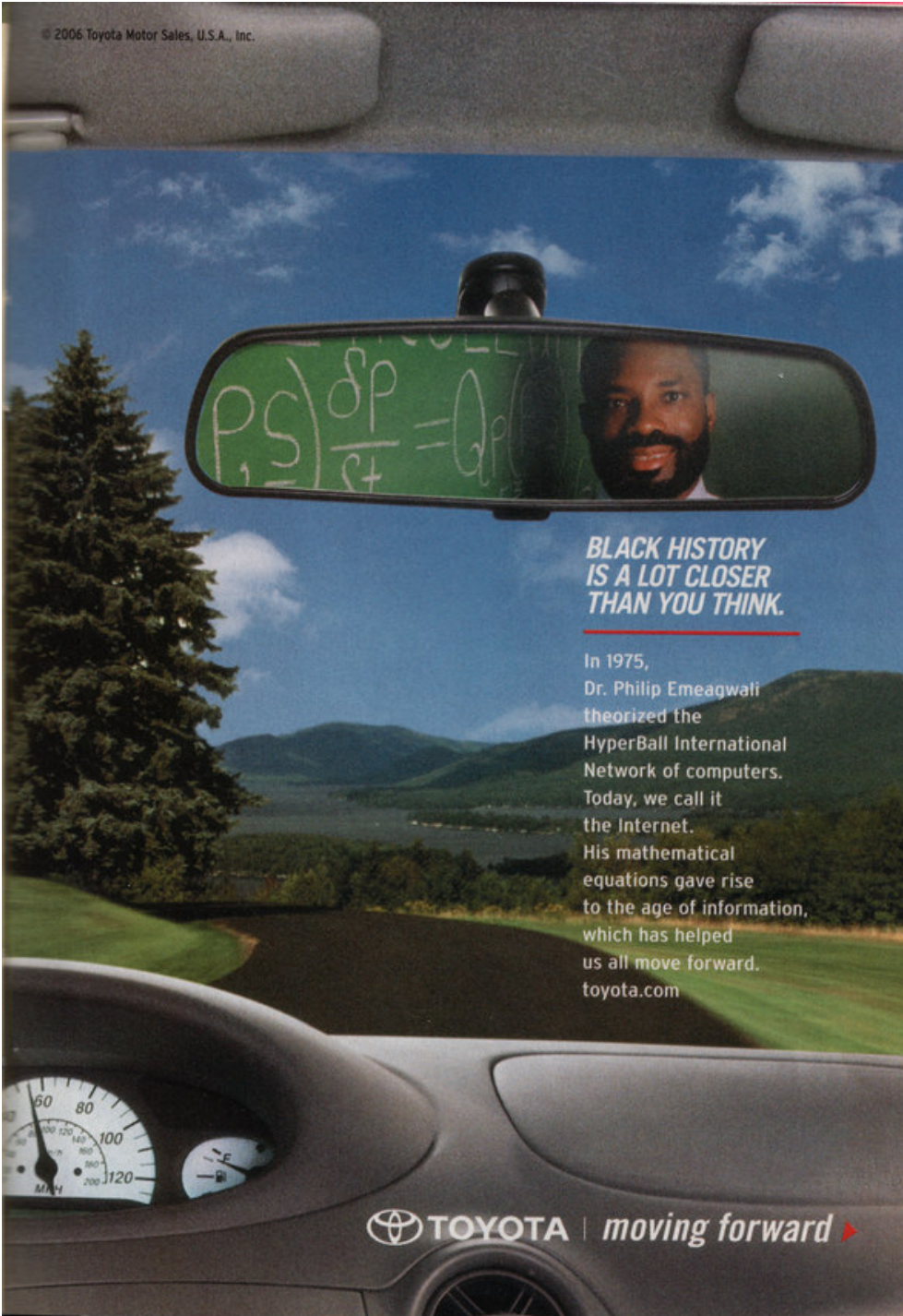
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