

# Philip Emeagwali

## Quotes

*Hiv, People, Connections, Mystery, Years, Stronger, United States, Different, Computer, Important, Eight, School, Algorithms, Pigs, Machines, Knows, Technique, Study, Brave, Believe*

The hardships that I encountered in the past will help me succeed in the future.

~Philip Emeagwali

The labs were happy that I was brave enough to attempt to program it and the \$5 million computer was left entirely to my use. I was their human guinea pig.

~Philip Emeagwali

The Connection Machine was the most powerful supercomputer in the world. It is a complex supercomputer and it will take forever to completely describe how it works.

~Philip Emeagwali

Adversities such as being homeless and going to prison has made many people stronger.

~Philip Emeagwali

Nigeria is a West African nation of over 100 million energetic people. It is endowed with lots of natural resources but lacks human resources.

~Philip Emeagwali

It took me 1057 pages to describe the hundreds of mathematical equations, algorithms and programming techniques that I invented and used.

~Philip Emeagwali

It is smarter to borrow from nature than to reinvent the wheels.

~Philip Emeagwali

My focus is not on solving nature's deeper mysteries. It is on using nature's deeper mysteries to solve important societal problems.

~Philip Emeagwali

I have expertise in five different fields which helps me to easily understand the analogy between my scientific problems and those occurring in nature.

~Philip Emeagwali

When I enrolled in college at age 19, I had a total of eight years of formal classroom education. As a result, I was not comfortable with formal lectures and receiving regular homework assignments.

~Philip Emeagwali

Due to financial reasons, I dropped out of school after eight years of formal schooling.

~Philip Emeagwali

Nelson Mandela and Malcolm X came out of prison stronger.

~Philip Emeagwali

I wanted to become a mathematician, physicist or astronomer.

~Philip Emeagwali

Because I believe that humans are computers, I conjectured that computers, like people, can have left- and right-handed versions.

~Philip Emeagwali

One out of every 100 American men is HIV positive. The rate of infection has reached epidemic proportions in 40 developing nations.

~Philip Emeagwali

During the week that I arrived in the United States, I saw an airport, used a telephone, used a library, talked with a scientist, and was shown a computer for the first time in my life.

~Philip Emeagwali

The 65,536 processors were inside the Connection Machine.

~Philip Emeagwali

The greatest grand challenge for any scientist is discovering how to prevent the spread of HIV and finding the cure or an effective vaccine for AIDS.

~Philip Emeagwali

The hardship of living in a refugee camp made me psychologically strong.

~Philip Emeagwali

Eighty percent of Americans with HIV do not know they are infected.

~Philip Emeagwali

I dropped out of high school four times between the ages of 12 to 17.

~Philip Emeagwali

Scientists try to discover or unravel the mysteries of nature. Some of the problems we are trying to solve have been solved in nature.

~Philip Emeagwali

The greater opportunity enabled me to make important discoveries and inventions.

~Philip Emeagwali

Our lives sometimes depend on computers performing as predicted.

~Philip Emeagwali

I preferred to study those subjects that were of interest to me.

~Philip Emeagwali

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