

# Emancipated From Mental Slavery: The Inspiring Journey of Nnamdi Azikiwe

When we talk about heroes, there are those who fought with guns and swords to liberate nations. And then there are those whose weapon of choice was their intellect, their vision, and their ability to inspire change. Nnamdi Azikiwe, the charismatic leader and statesman, falls into the latter category. His journey from colonial Nigeria to becoming the first President of Nigeria is not just an inspiring tale of triumph but also a lesson in the power of breaking free from mental slavery.

## The Early Years: A Foundation of Intellect

Nnamdi Azikiwe was born on November 16, 1904, in Zungeru, Northern Nigeria. His parents, who hailed from Anambra State in the eastern part of the country, instilled in him a love for education from an early age. Azikiwe's father, Obed-Edom Chukwuemeka Azikiwe, was a clerk in the British colonial administration, which exposed him to the inequalities and injustices faced by the Nigerian people at that time.

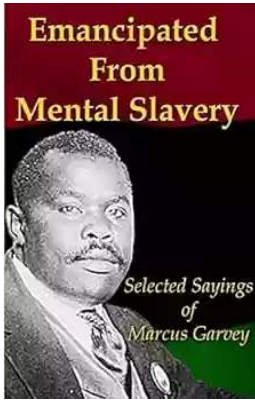
With an insatiable thirst for knowledge, Azikiwe pursued his education relentlessly. He attended primary school in Onitsha and completed his secondary education at the Methodist Boys' High School in Lagos, where he excelled academically. It was here that he first displayed his oratory skills, participating in debates and public speaking competitions.

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## Overseas Education and the Birth of an Intellectual Icon

Azikiwe's quest for knowledge led him to the United States in 1925, where he enrolled at Storer College in West Virginia. He later transferred to Howard University in Washington, D.C., and it was during his time there that he became deeply involved in the Pan-African movement and the struggle for racial equality.

Upon completing his studies at Howard University, Azikiwe moved to further his education at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. Here, he honed his skills as a journalist, becoming the editor of the student newspaper and showcasing his talent for writing and public discourse.

Azikiwe's time in the United States not only expanded his intellectual horizons but also exposed him to the powerful ideas of liberation and freedom from mental slavery. He ardently believed in the importance of African unity and the need for Africans to embrace their cultural heritage.

## Returning Home: A Champion of Nigerian Independence

With his mind brimming with knowledge, Azikiwe returned to Nigeria in 1934, armed with a burning passion for social justice and political liberation. He

immediately embarked on a career in journalism, founding and editing a newspaper called West African Pilot.

This newspaper became a platform for Azikiwe to voice his views on African nationalism and advocate for the emancipation of Nigeria from colonial rule. Through his powerful writing, he inspired millions and ignited a sense of pride and nationalism among the Nigerian people.

As his popularity grew, Azikiwe began to transition into a political career. He co-founded the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons (NCNC) in 1944, a political party that aimed to unite Nigerians across ethnic and regional lines in the fight for independence.

## **A Struggle for Independence: Triumph and Setbacks**

Azikiwe's tireless efforts and unwavering determination began to pay off when Nigeria gained independence from British colonial rule on October 1, 1960. He became the Governor-General of Nigeria, and in 1963, he was elected as the first President of Nigeria, a position he held until 1966.

During his presidency, Azikiwe focused on fostering national unity and promoting education and economic development. However, his tenure was not without challenges. Tribal and political conflicts threatened to tear the newly independent nation apart, ultimately resulting in a military coup in 1966 that led to his removal from office.

## **Legacy and Lessons**

Despite the setbacks and challenges he faced, Nnamdi Azikiwe remains an icon of African nationalism and the fight against mental slavery. His intellectual

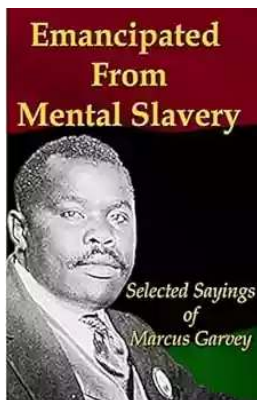
proWess, unwavering belief in African liberation, and inspiring leadership continue to resonate with generations of Nigerians and Africans.

Azikiwe's journey teaches us that true emancipation begins in the mind. Breaking free from mental slavery requires the courage to challenge prevailing narratives, to question deeply ingrained ideologies, and to embrace one's own identity and heritage. His legacy reminds us of the power of education and intellectual pursuit in advocating for social justice and equality.

As Nigerians and Africans, we owe a debt of gratitude to Nnamdi Azikiwe and the countless other visionaries who fought for our independence. Their struggles, sacrifices, and triumphs should serve as an enduring reminder that we have the power to free ourselves from mental chains and shape our own destiny.

In a world where oppression and inequality persist, Azikiwe's legacy inspires us to continue the fight for liberation and justice, not just for ourselves but for all those who are still shackled by mental slavery.

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Right now melanin, the aromatic biopolymer and organic semiconductor that makes Black people black is worth over \$350 a gram more than gold. In just a few short years, on August 13, 2020 the Red, Black and Green flag will be celebrated as the colors of all African people. We also know the song lyric "Emancipate yourself from mental slavery, none but ourselves can free our minds," commonly associated with Bob Marley, actually originated with Marcus Garvey.

“We are going to emancipate ourselves from mental slavery, for though others may free the body, none but ourselves can free the mind.”

Those are the words which Marcus Garvey spoke in either October or November 1937. The place? Menelik Hall in Sydney, Nova Scotia. This selection of sayings of the Honorable Marcus Mosiah Garvey, provides an to the mind of a man capable of speaking words into existence which continue to have a profound impact on those who hear them to this very day.

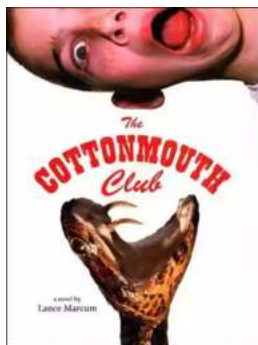
Marcus Garvey was a journalist, editor, publisher, as well as founder, and President-General of the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA.) This book serves as an to the philosophy which made his ideas known worldwide. Notable among them is the phrase which has come to many sung as a paraphrased lyric by Bob Marley. Its organic power and compelling urge for a new mental state among the human race can not seriously be denied.

This book is a distillation of Garvey thought. The product of years studying the words works and deeds of a man who left a legacy that is still so potent efforts continue to dissuade seekers of truth from his vision.



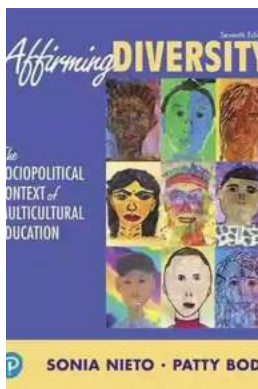
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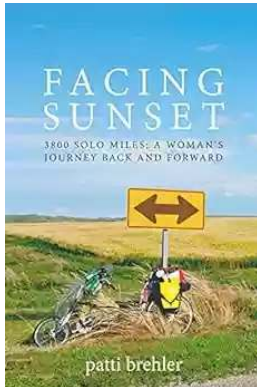
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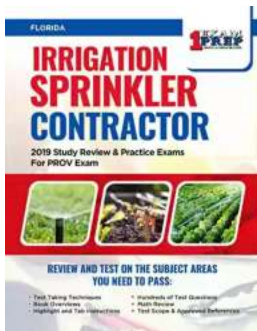
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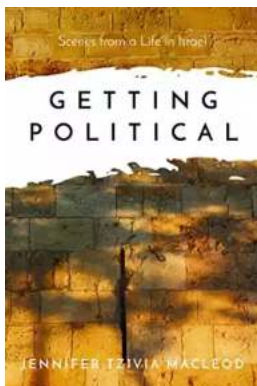
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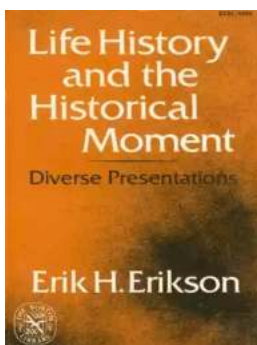
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