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Man lives in an environment and is sustained by it. People of different professional biases have pointed out this fact, though taken for granted for centuries. Philosophers are not left out in this debate. The rate of environmental disasters and decadence is so alarming that lasting solutions are being sought for. The solution to a problem is embedded partly in knowing the cause. Many thinkers have attempted explanations to the root cause of environmental pollution. Indeed such explanations reflect cultural and societal perspectives. Oftentimes, these explanations have western perspectives. In this paper therefore, we do argue that the problem of the environment in Africa is a peculiar one and as such demands closer attention. The peculiarities are entrenched in colonialism and a resultant distortion of the psyche of the African. This has reduced him to a mere being struggling for survival. No wonder that his values are misplaced. Why think of the survival of your environment when the inhabitant still seeks for survival? And as he seeks for survival, he ignorantly destroys that which would have been of benefit to him. The solution therefore, would require a re-orientation of his psyche. This way, he is able to appreciate and value the environment in which he lives and therefore shall seek to conserve what is left of it.