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The necessity of technology for the preservation of sustainable human existence is no longer in doubt. The challenges of climate change owing to the teeming world population against the constantly shrinking resources further justify the necessity for new paradigm of conducting human activities through technology. Good and attractive as the technological-driven new world may be, it has become another platform for the re-invention of colonisation. What used to be the scramble and partitioning of the developing worlds in physical time and space has metamorphosed into a new dimension of scramble and partitioning of the same victims upon borderless globalisation and privatisation. The controllers and actors of the digitized world are the same developed countries that had hitherto subjected the developing counterparts as appendages for exploitation. Virtually all spheres of human endeavours are converted to digital platforms. The legal and justice systems are not exempted. This paper interrogates the new colonisation through technology and the need for decolonisation of the emerging theories of interaction of law and technology (*technoprudence*), particularly, considering three levels of colonisation. The three levels are: primary colonisation (perpetuated by the West and Developed Allies), secondary colonisation (driven by the Neo-Colonialists and their puppets), and tertiary colonisation (technology platform owners). The paper recommends decolonisation of the three levels for the realisation of a world of diversity, inclusion and justice.