

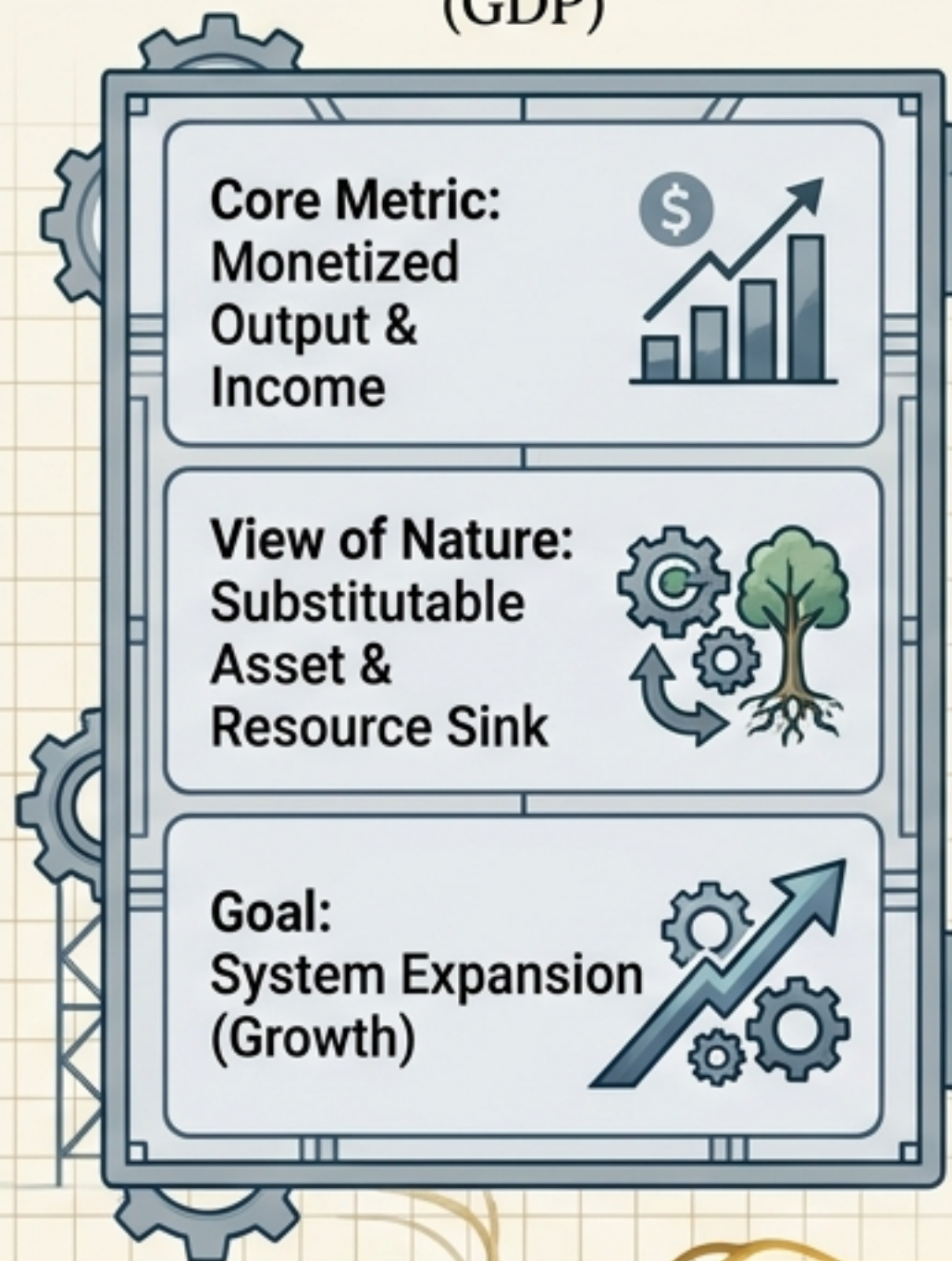
# The Living Diagnostic: Re-Grounding Progress in Life

Moving beyond GDP and dashboards to a life-coherent architecture for human and planetary flourishing

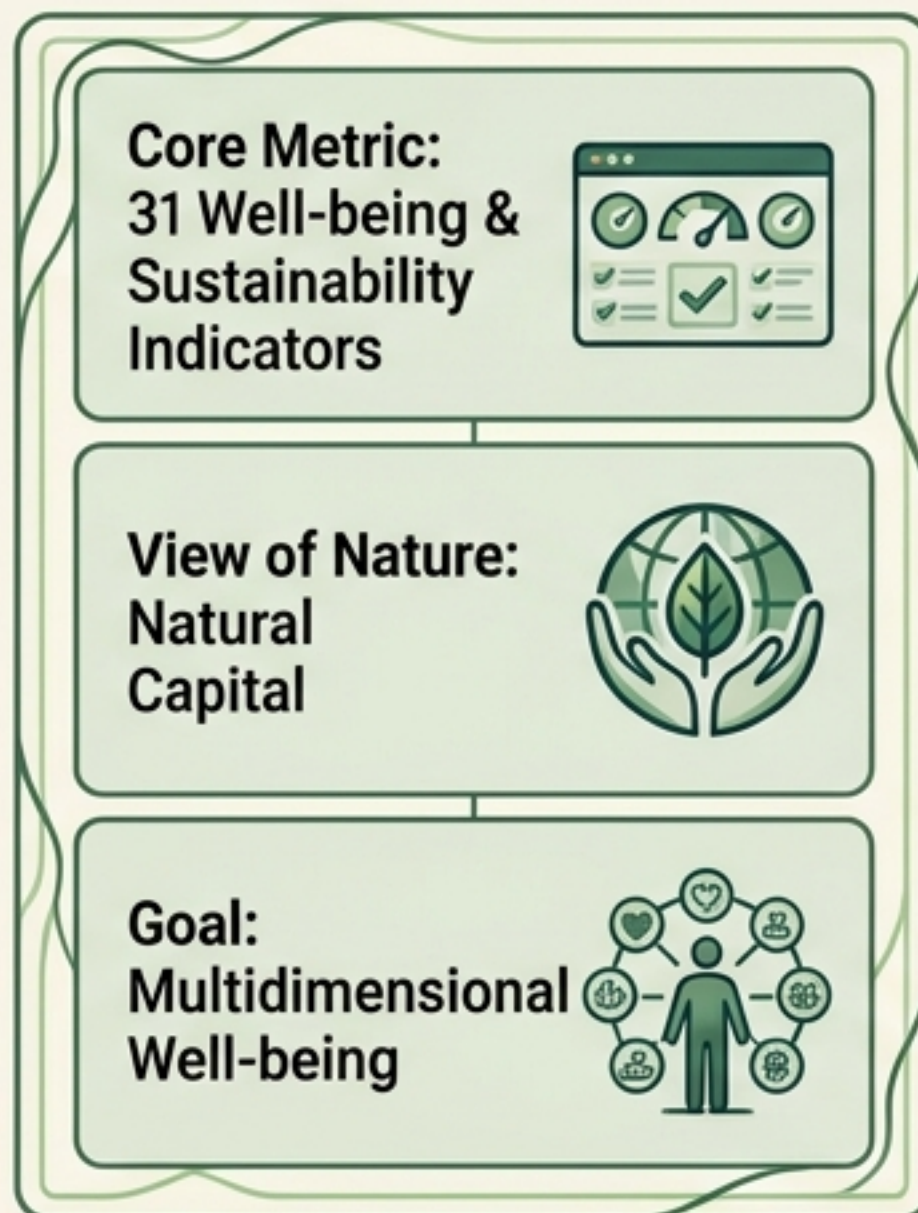


# The Three Eras of Civilizational Progress

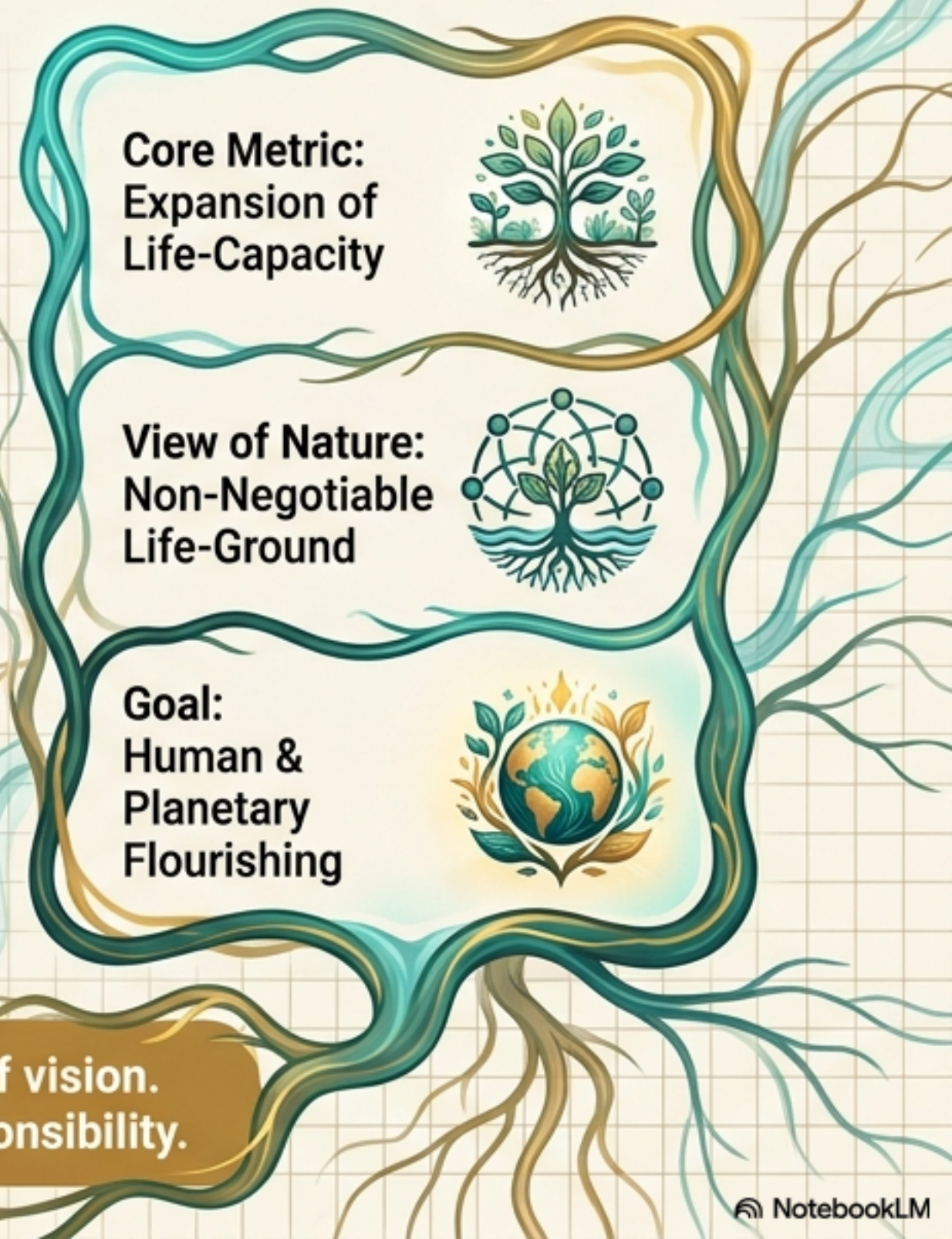
## Era 1 - The Machine (GDP)



## Era 2 - The Dashboard (Beyond GDP)

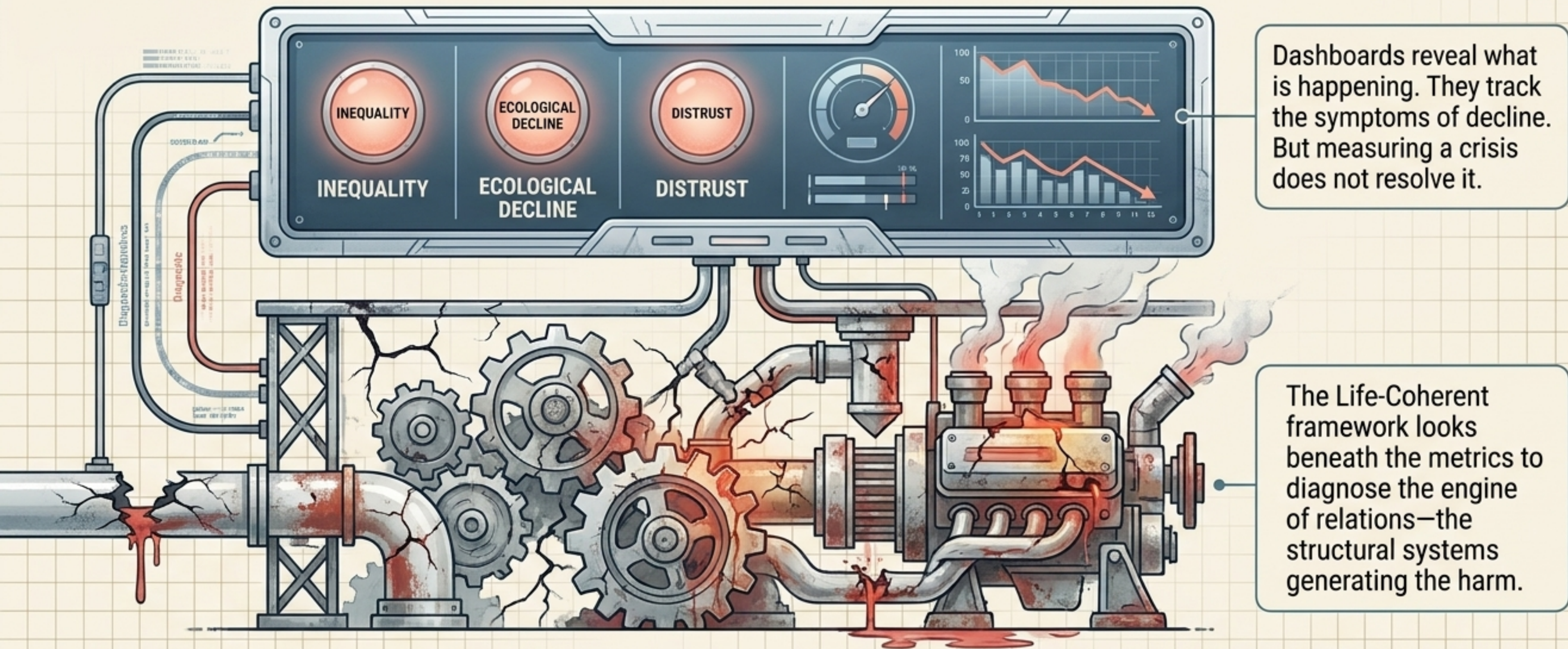


## Era 3 - The Living Ecosystem (Life-Coherent Progress)



The UN "Beyond GDP" dashboard widens our field of vision.  
A Life-Coherent framework deepens our field of responsibility.

# Visibility is Not Transformation



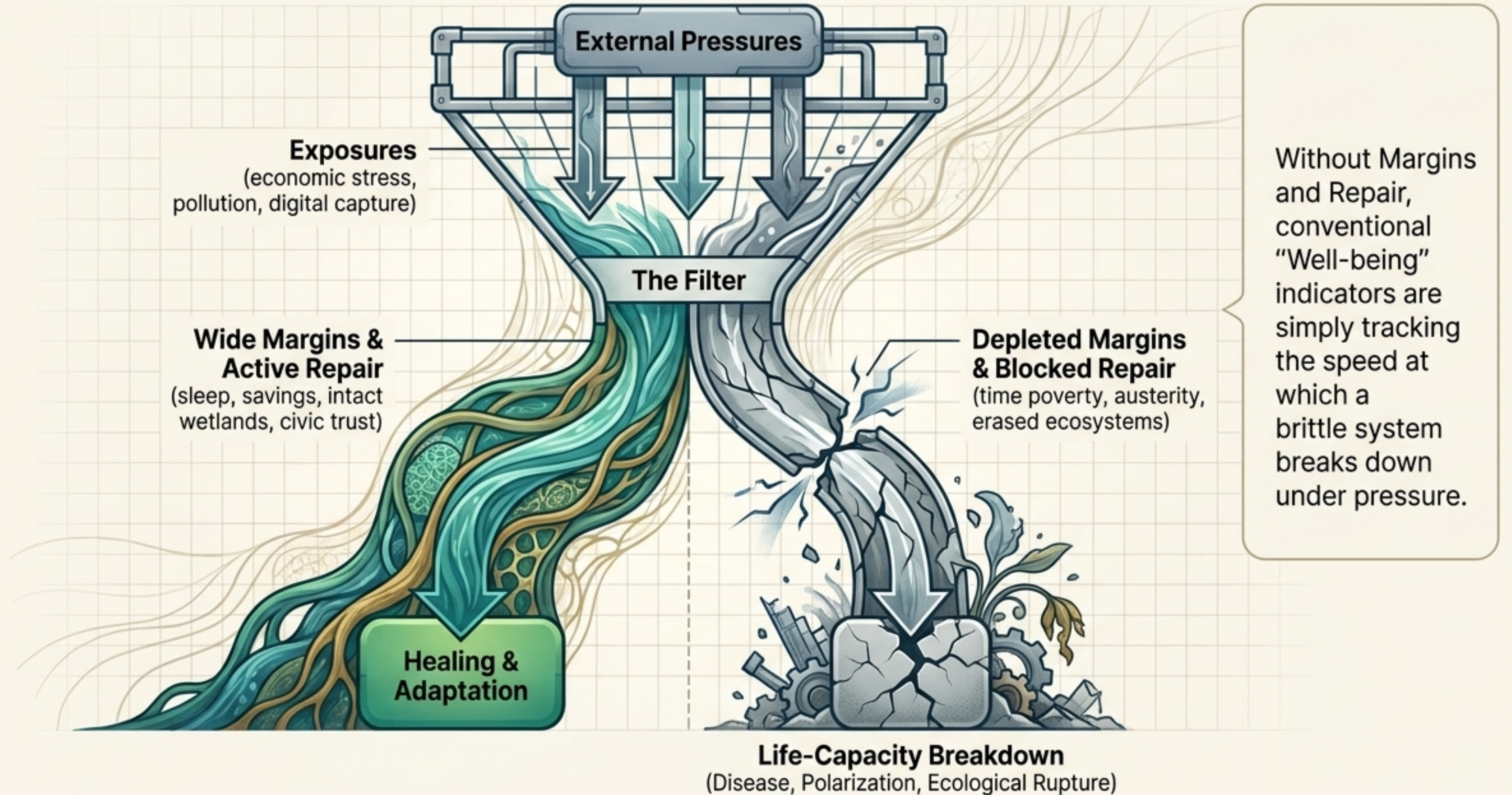
A society can publish a dashboard showing ecological collapse and rising loneliness while continuing the exact policies that produce them. We must move from measuring outcomes to transforming relations.

# The Generative Equation of Progress



Progress is real when harmful exposures are reduced, repair is accessible, margins are protected, and life-capacity expands. Decline occurs when this equation inverts.

# The Life-System Diagnostic Funnel



# The Capital Audit: Separating True Wealth from False Capital

## False Capital



### Produced Capital

Infrastructure that fragments communities and locks in fossil dependency.



### Human Capital

Education reduced to credential sorting; health valued only as labor productivity.



### Natural Capital

Treating the living Earth as a substitutable accounting asset.

## Life Capital



### Produced Capital

Built assets expanding access to life goods (shelter, transit) with minimal harm.



### Human Capital

Expansion of human agency, imagination, dignity, and participation.

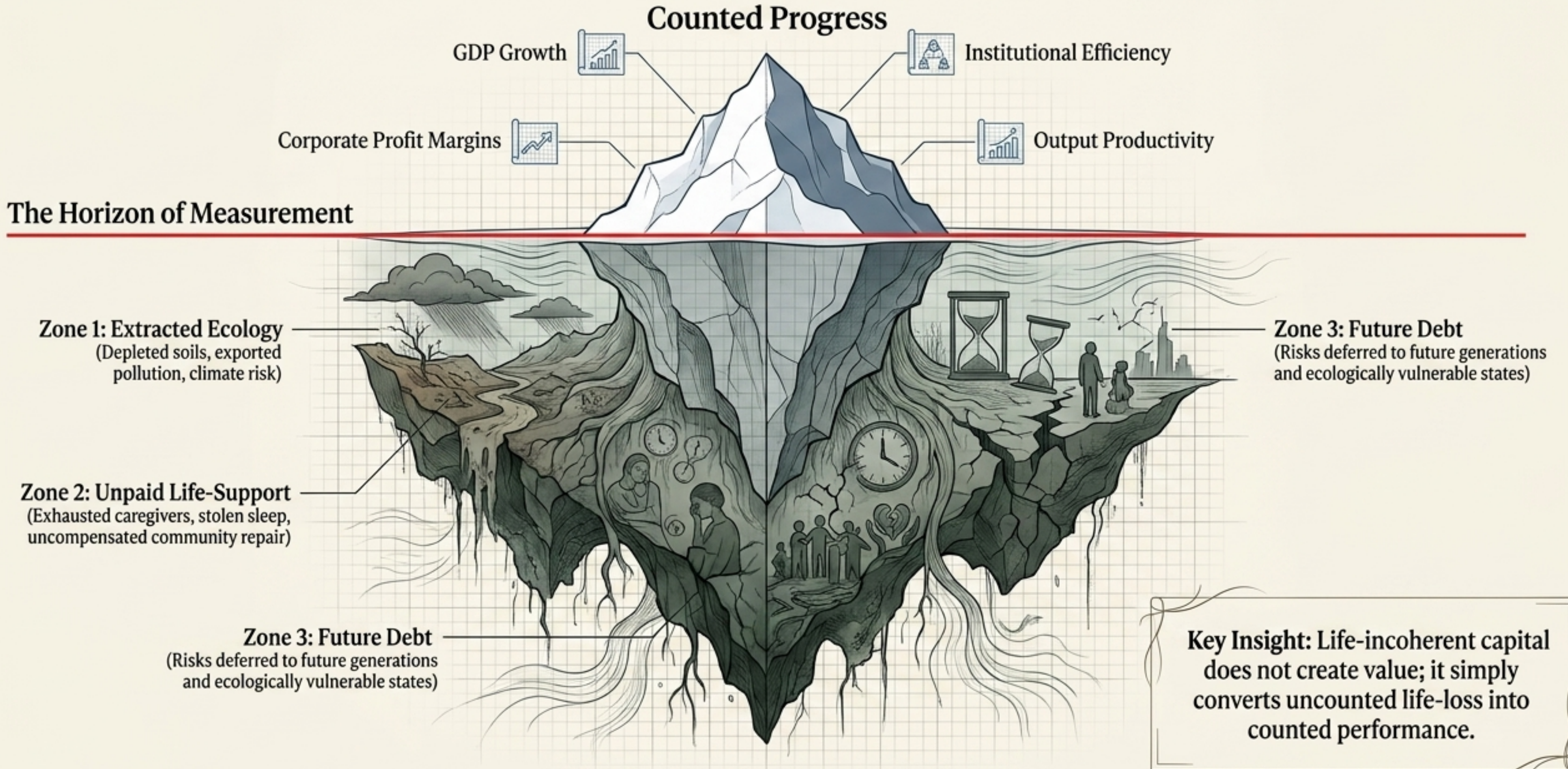


### Natural Capital

Honoring ecosystems as the non-negotiable life-ground of all value.

Capital is only "Life Capital" if it regenerates life goods through time without cumulative life-loss.

# The Burden Displacement Iceberg




# The Dictionary of Progress

Outdated Definition

**Efficiency**

Updated Definition




~~Maximizing output and profit while minimizing financial input.~~




**Providing life goods with diminishing ecological waste and reduced life-time loss.**

**Resilience**




~~The capacity of vulnerable people to adapt to preventable, systemic harm.~~




**The presence of margins, buffers, and active repair pathways.**

**Peace**

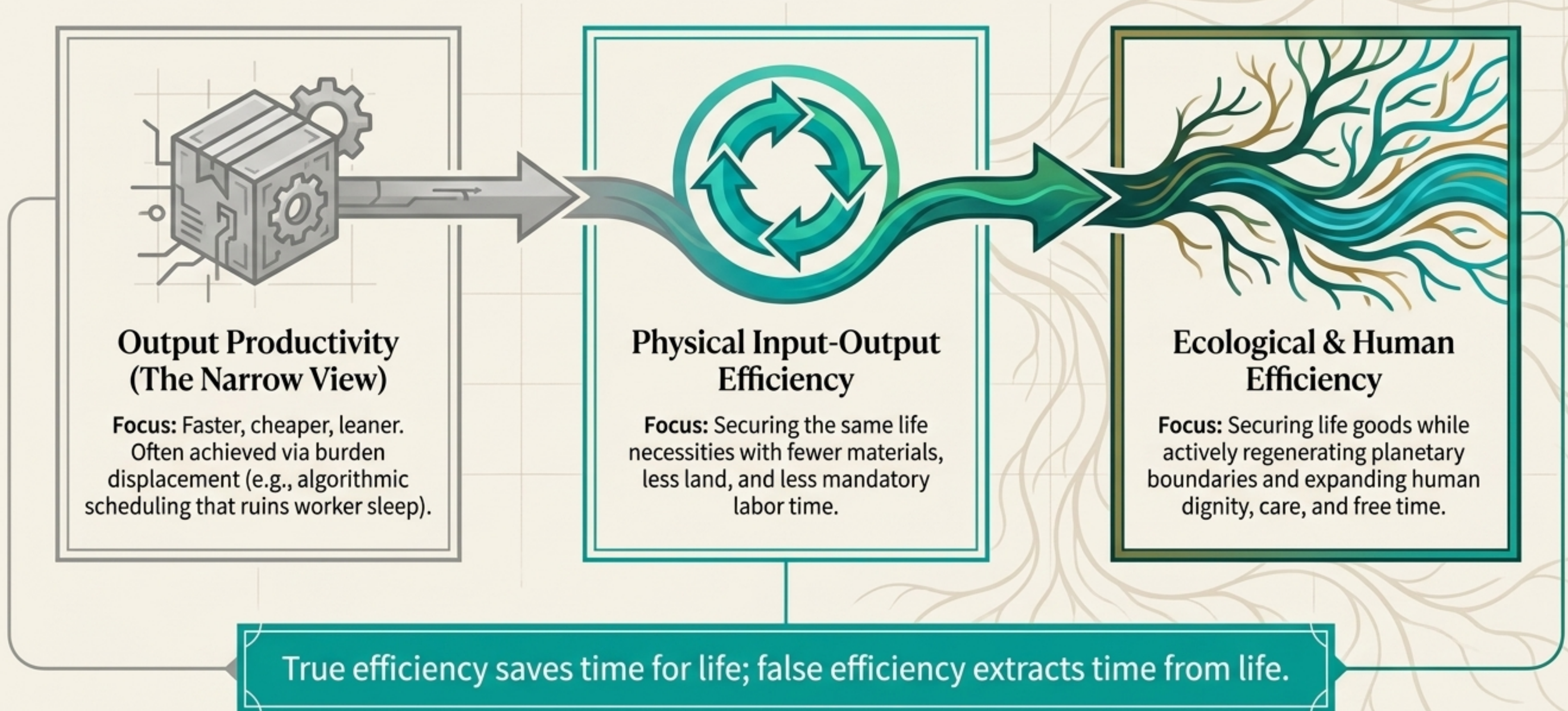


~~The mere absence of war or direct physical violence.~~

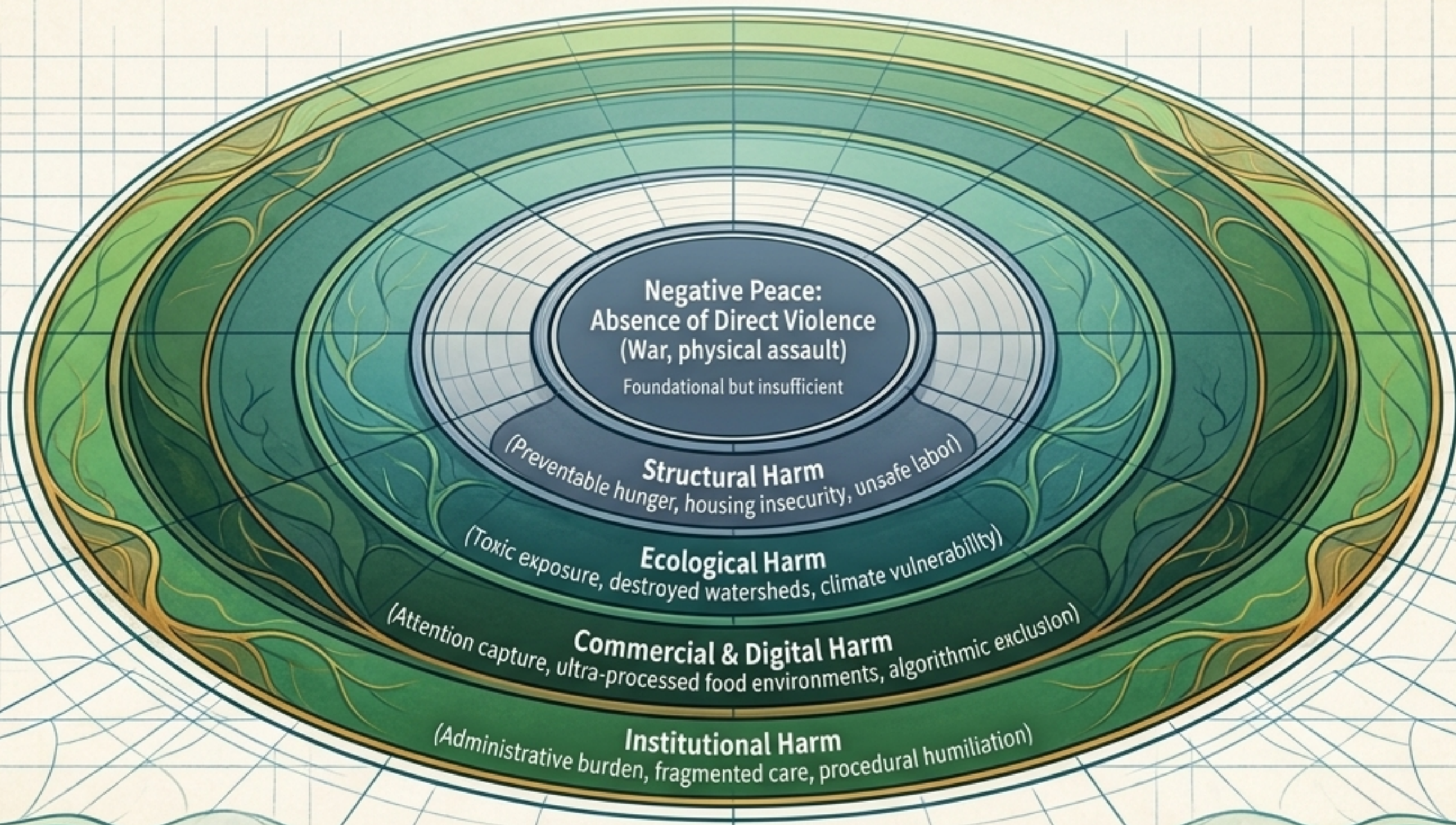


**The active reduction of structural, commercial, and ecological harm.**

# Reclaiming Efficiency for Life



# The Anatomy of Positive Peace



Peace is not the silence of weapons. It is the active presence of life-enabling relations and the absence of systemic, preventable harm.

# The Observer and the World We Bring Forth

## Command & Control



Grounded in emotioning of fear, competition, and extraction.  
Result: Measures populations to manage them for output.

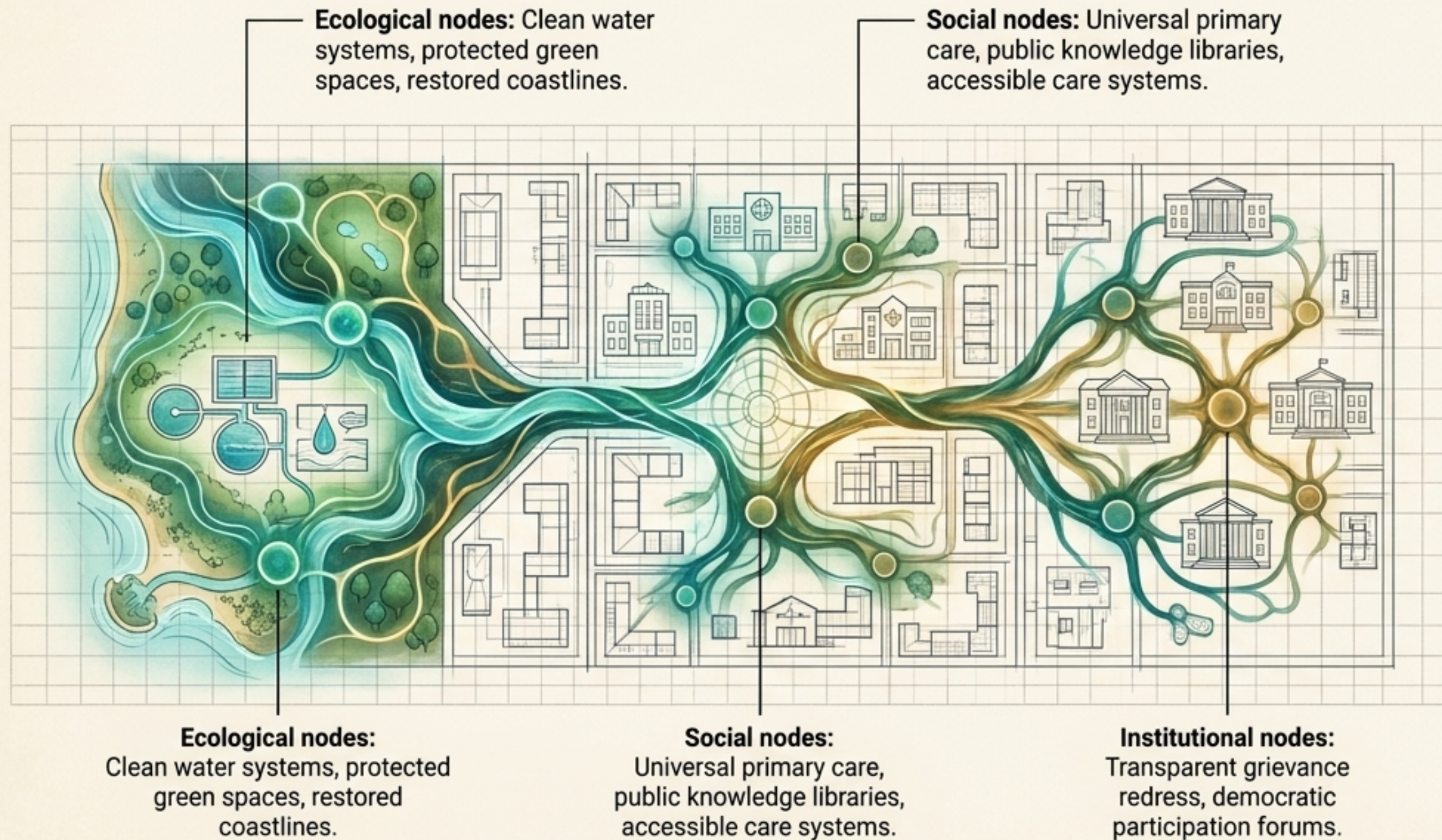
## Legitimate Coexistence



Grounded in emotioning of care, solidarity, and reverence for life.  
Result: Measures relations to heal and transform them.

Indicators are not neutral mirrors. They bring forth worlds. We must ask not just “What are we measuring?” but “What emotional orientation and way of living is this measurement conserving?”

# Restoring the Civil Commons



## Not Welfare, but Capital

These are not optional budget expenditures; they are health-generating, life-supporting infrastructures.

## Anti-Privatization

They ensure access to universal life necessities without requiring private purchasing power.

# The Life-Coherent Action Flywheel



# The Frontier of Progress: SIDS & The Caribbean



# The Ultimate Measure



**“Let us no longer ask life to justify itself before the economy. Let the economy, technology, policy, and governance justify themselves before life.”**

1. From measuring output to expanding life-capacity.

2. From capital accumulation to life-capital regeneration.

3. From dashboards of decline to coordinated repair.