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### **Eco-rational conversion: spheres of influence into spheres of transformation - creating an ecological society**

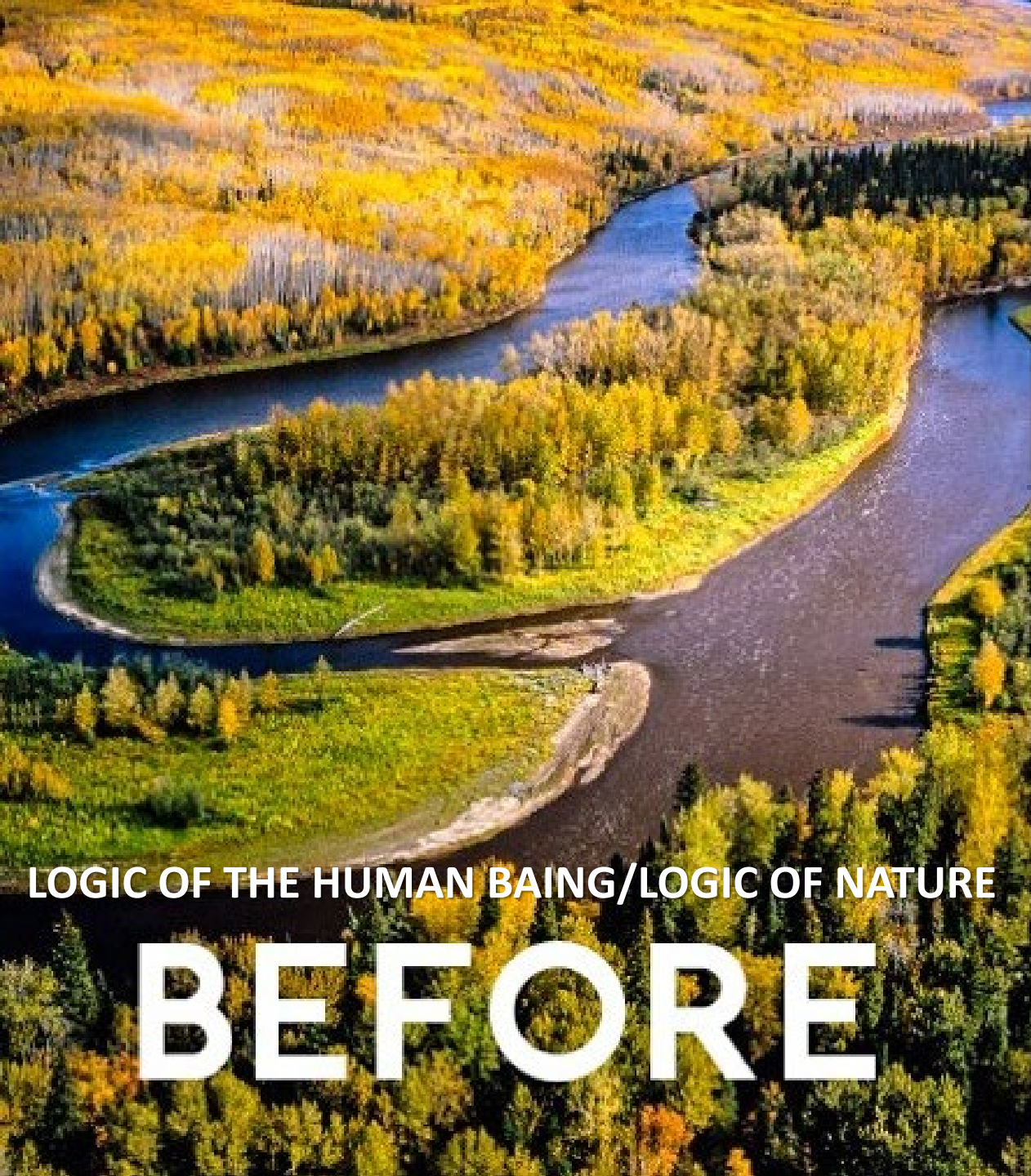
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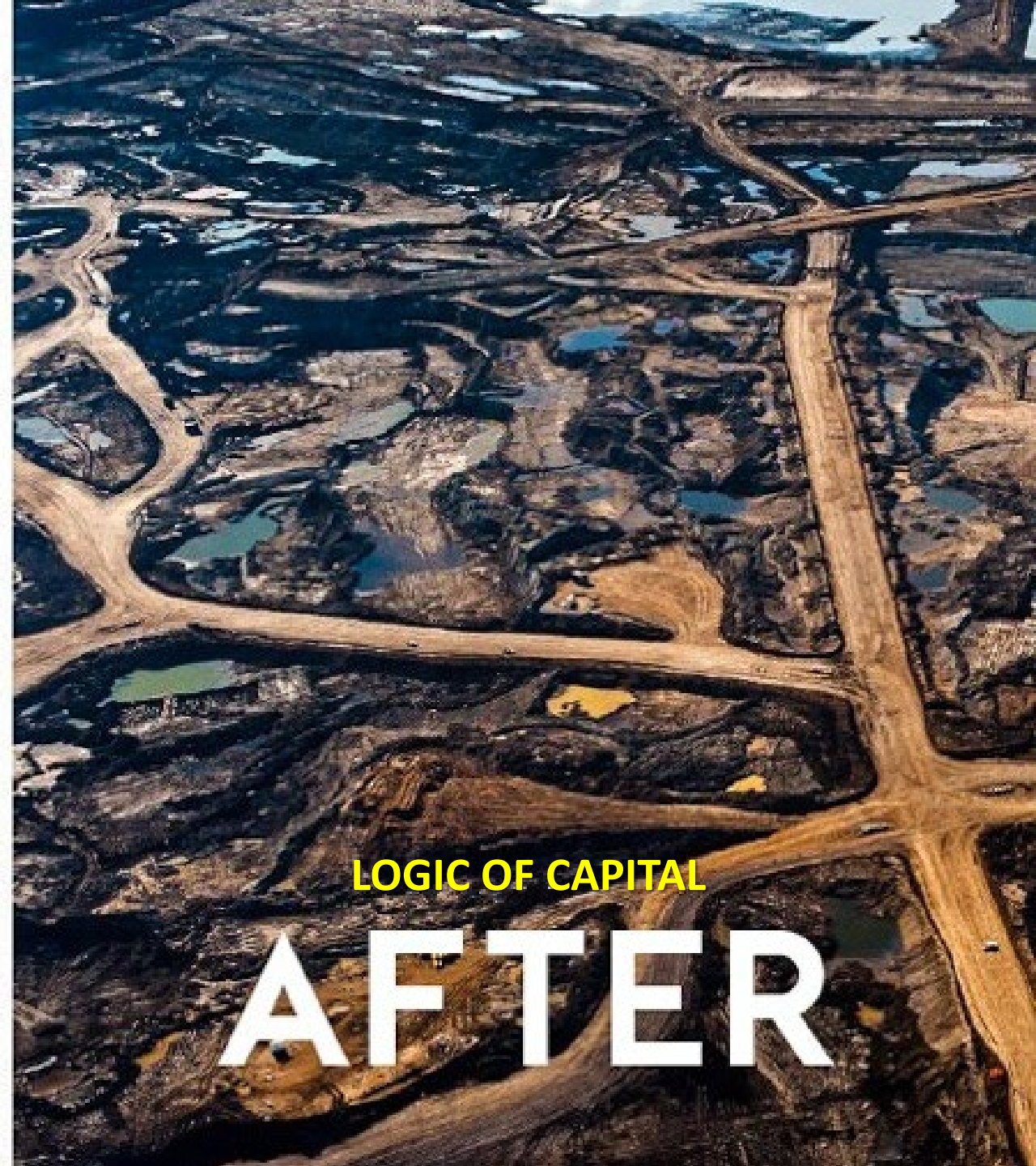
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LOGIC OF THE HUMAN BAING/LOGIC OF NATURE

**BEFORE**



LOGIC OF CAPITAL

**AFTER**

A high-angle, wide shot of a massive crowd of people, likely at a climate change protest. The crowd is dense and diverse in age and appearance. Many individuals are holding up handmade signs with various messages. The signs are colorful and feature drawings of the Earth, recycling symbols, and other environmental icons. The overall atmosphere is one of active participation and collective action.

What then must we do?

I'M SURE THE  
CONGRESS THOUGHT  
THEY HAD  
TIME TOO

NO  
PLAN

Changing  
WE?

PLAN  
TO  
PROTECT

SYSTEM  
CHANGE  
NOT  
CLIMATE  
CHANGE

WE DONT  
HAVE TIME

BE APART  
OF THE SOLUTION  
NOT  
PROBLEM

THINK  
ABOUT  
THE FUTURE

WIDE ENOUGH?

LIKE THE  
OCEAN

WE DONT  
HAVE TIME

CAN WE  
FIX IT?  
WE

CLIMATE  
CHANGE  
IS REAL

LET'S GET  
TOGETHER  
TO MAKE  
A DIFFERENCE

WE  
DONT  
HAVE  
TIME

CLIMATE  
CHANGE  
IS REAL

THERE IS  
NO  
PLAN B

# 1. Visions

*OPPOSITIONAL/CONSTRUCTIVE movements and organizations*

2. Root cause + related crises....

3. Transformative politics...

4. If capital is everywhere?

5. *SPHERES OF ACTIVITY* –

*SPHERES OF INFLUENCE* → → *SPHERES OF TRANSFORMATION*

6. Waking up

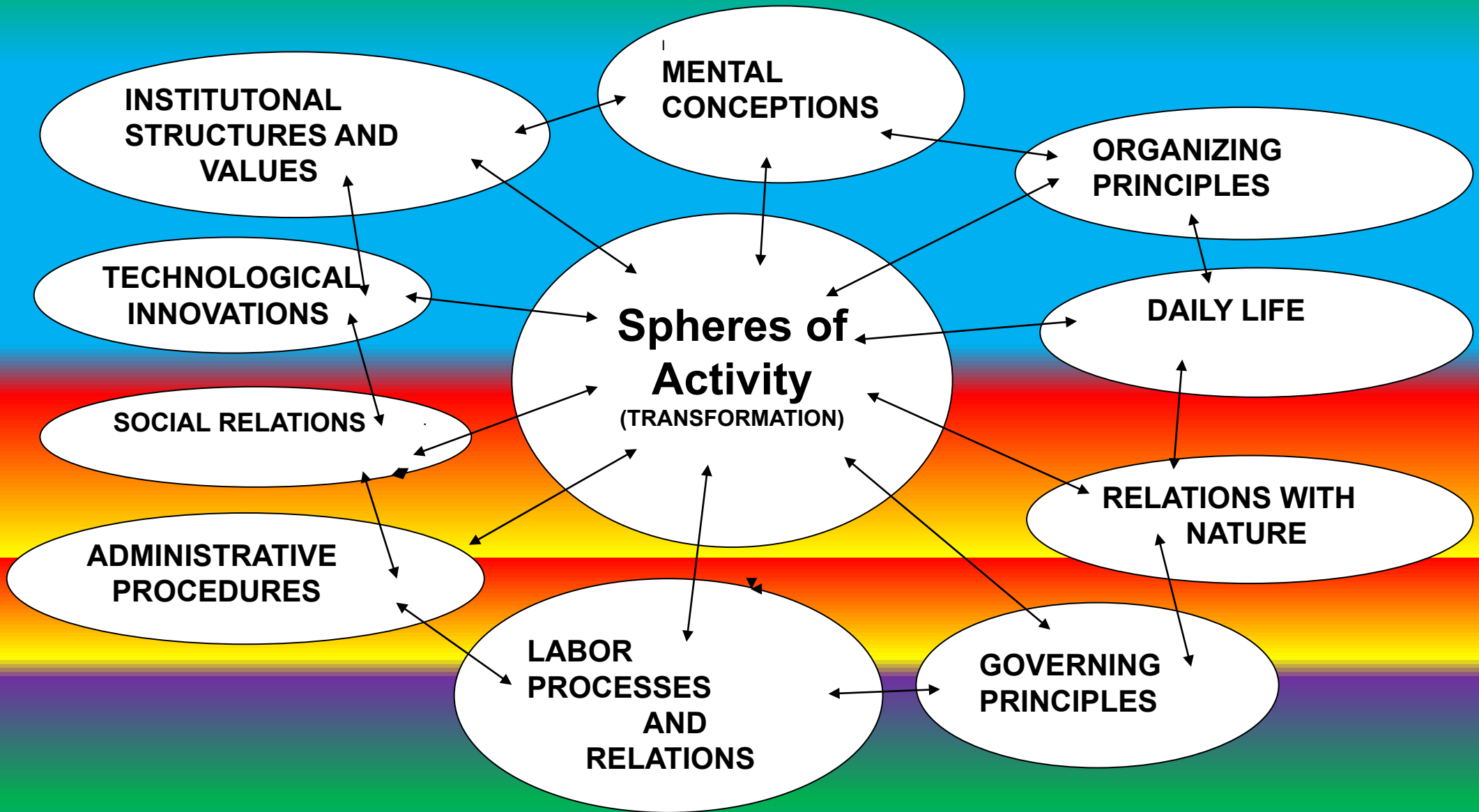
7. Change...

8. Possibilities in the future...

9. Growth v. development...

10. Transformation within and through spheres...

11. Seeking a space and time for *liberation*...



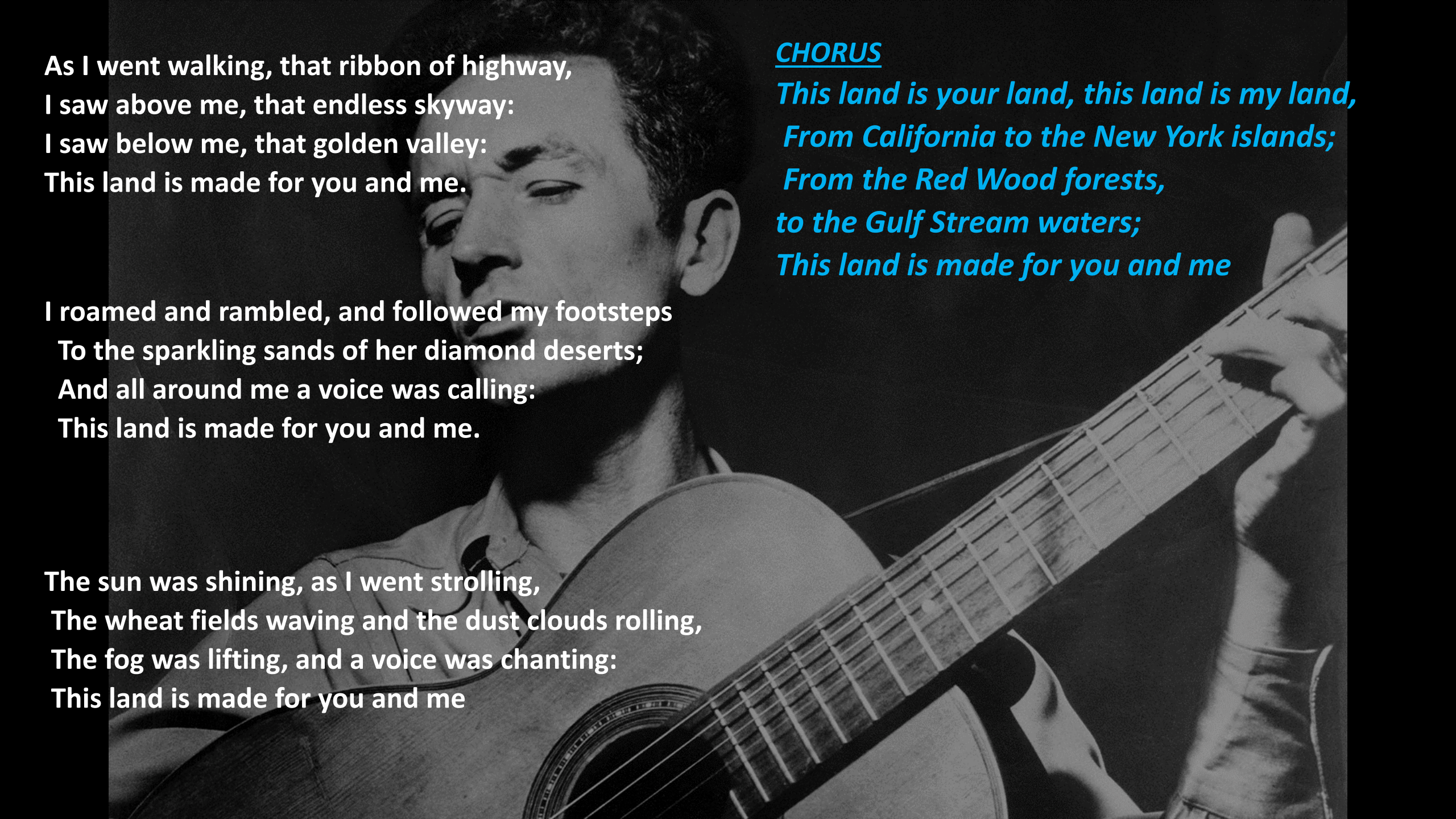
## 12. Common aims and directive norms...

**COG** - *community organic garden*

*Mental conceptions;  
organizational forms;  
daily life;  
relations with the rest of nature;*

*Governing principles;  
labor relations;  
administrative procedures;  
social relations;  
technological innovations;  
Institutional structures and values...*





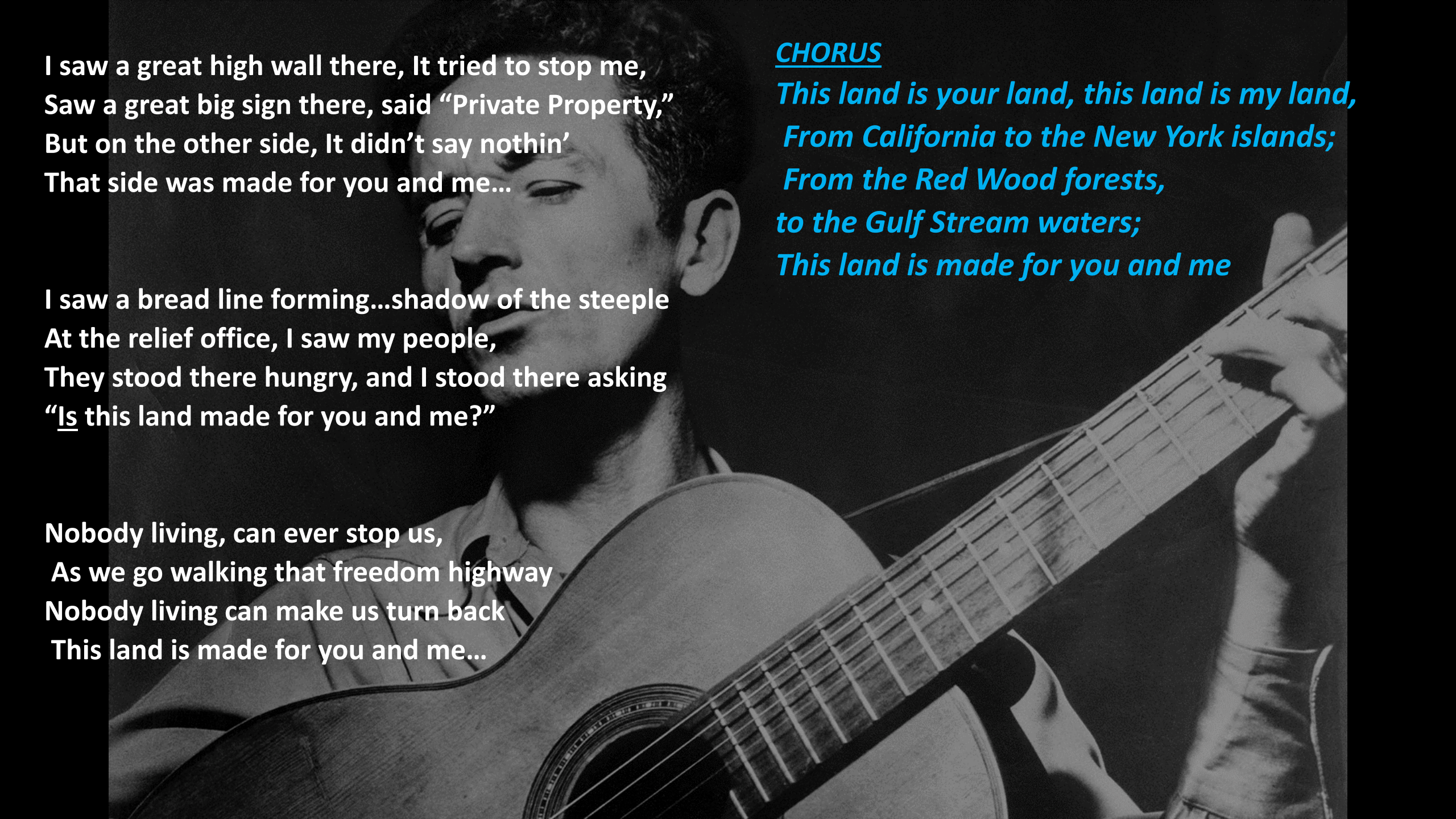
As I went walking, that ribbon of highway,  
I saw above me, that endless skyway:  
I saw below me, that golden valley:  
This land is made for you and me.

I roamed and rambled, and followed my footsteps  
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts;  
And all around me a voice was calling:  
This land is made for you and me.

The sun was shining, as I went strolling,  
The wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling,  
The fog was lifting, and a voice was chanting:  
This land is made for you and me

### CHORUS

*This land is your land, this land is my land,  
From California to the New York islands;  
From the Red Wood forests,  
to the Gulf Stream waters;  
This land is made for you and me*



I saw a great high wall there, It tried to stop me,  
Saw a great big sign there, said "Private Property,"  
But on the other side, It didn't say nothin'  
That side was made for you and me...

I saw a bread line forming...shadow of the steeple  
At the relief office, I saw my people,  
They stood there hungry, and I stood there asking  
"Is this land made for you and me?"

Nobody living, can ever stop us,  
As we go walking that freedom highway  
Nobody living can make us turn back  
This land is made for you and me...

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