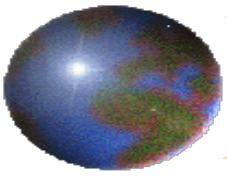


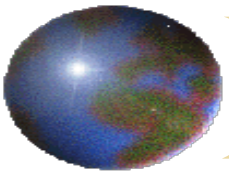
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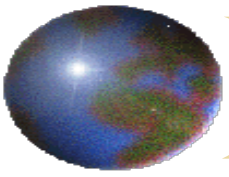
**“The form of association, however,
which if mankind continues to improve,
must be expected in the end,
to predominate
is not that which can exist between
a capitalist as chief and work-people
without a voice in the management,**



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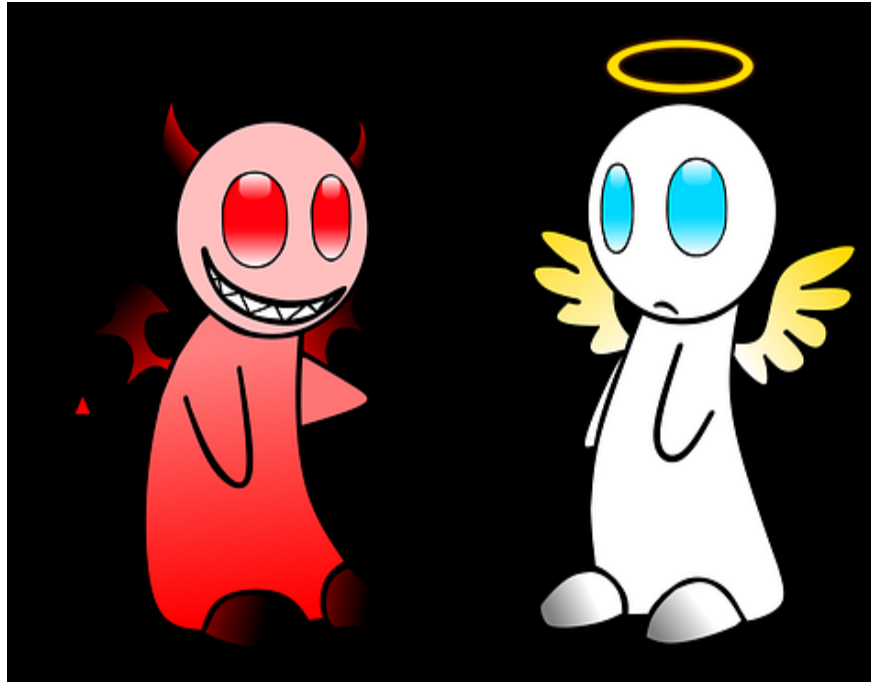
**“but the association of the labourers themselves
on terms of equality,
collectively owning the capital
with which they carry on their operations
and working under managers
elected and removable by themselves”**

John Stuart Mill, Principles of Political Economy (1848)



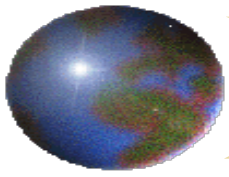
Of people, structures and action

Being part of a
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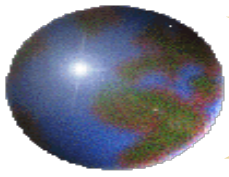


Being part
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one evil.

But structures can nurture good and evil action.



What might be the
global significance
of co-operative
thought and
culture?



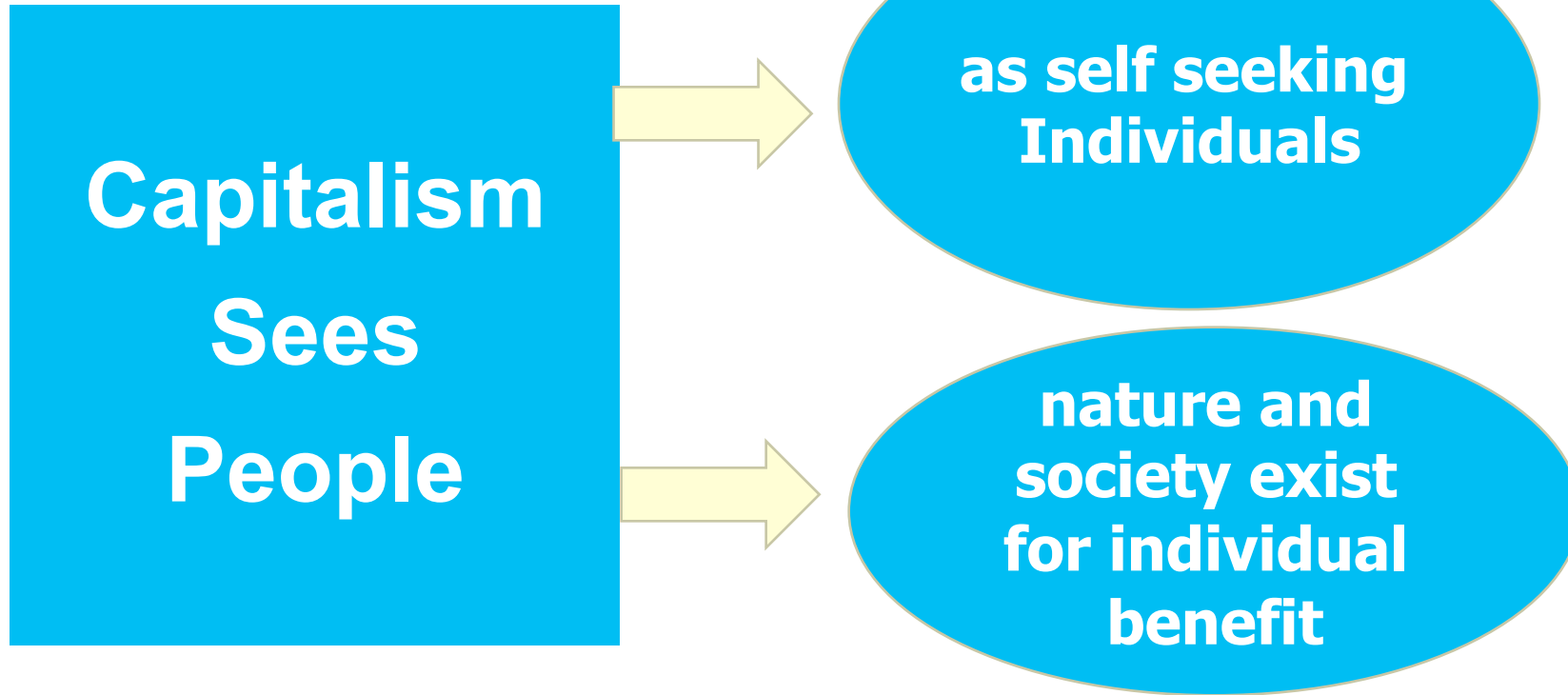
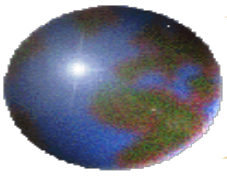
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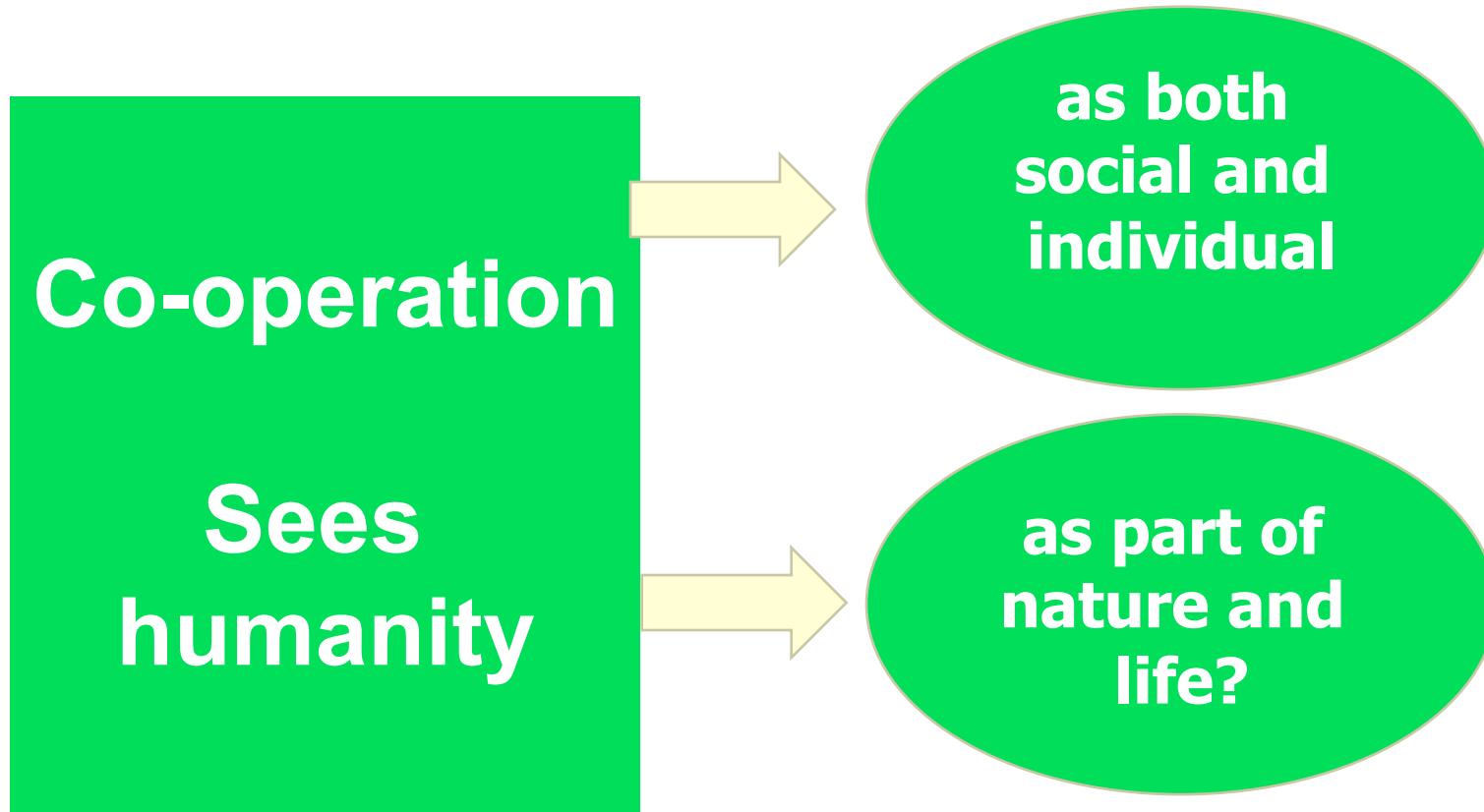
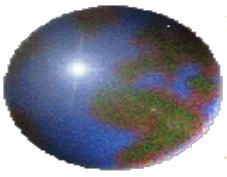
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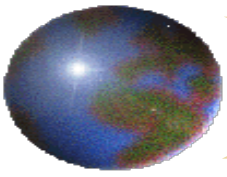
**What vision of humanity and our
planet underlies each?**

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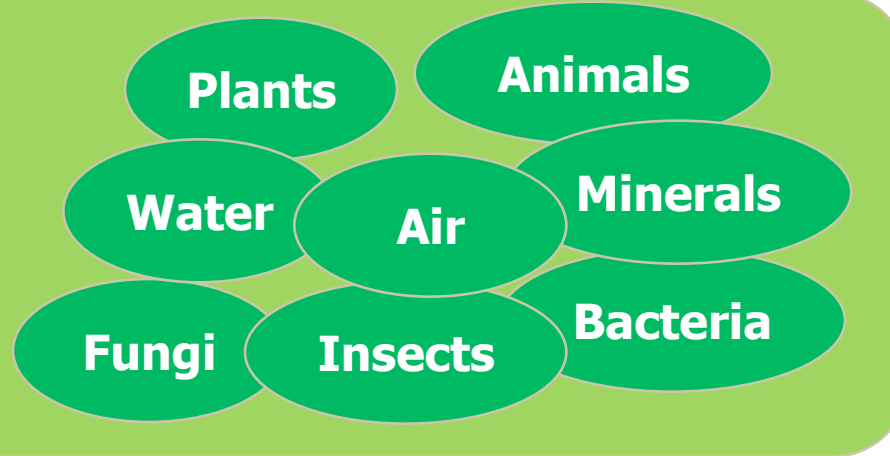
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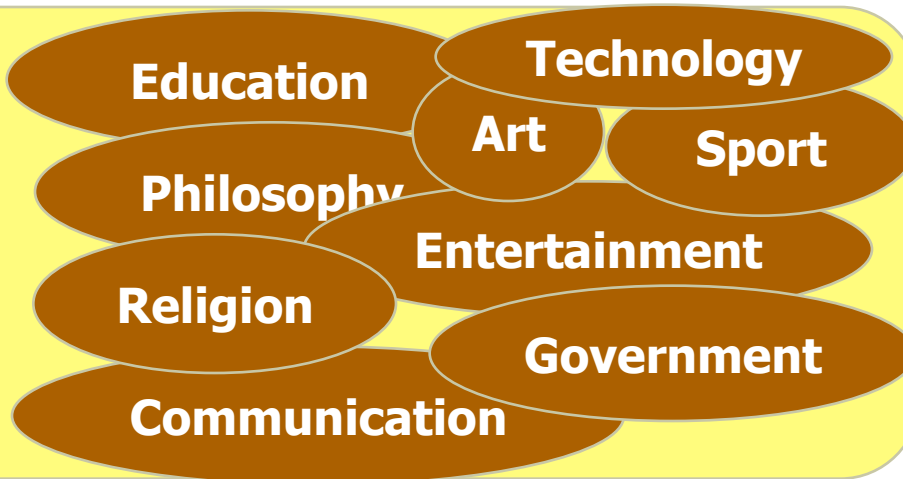
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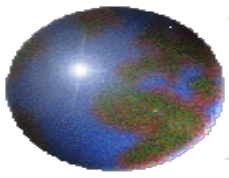


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**To
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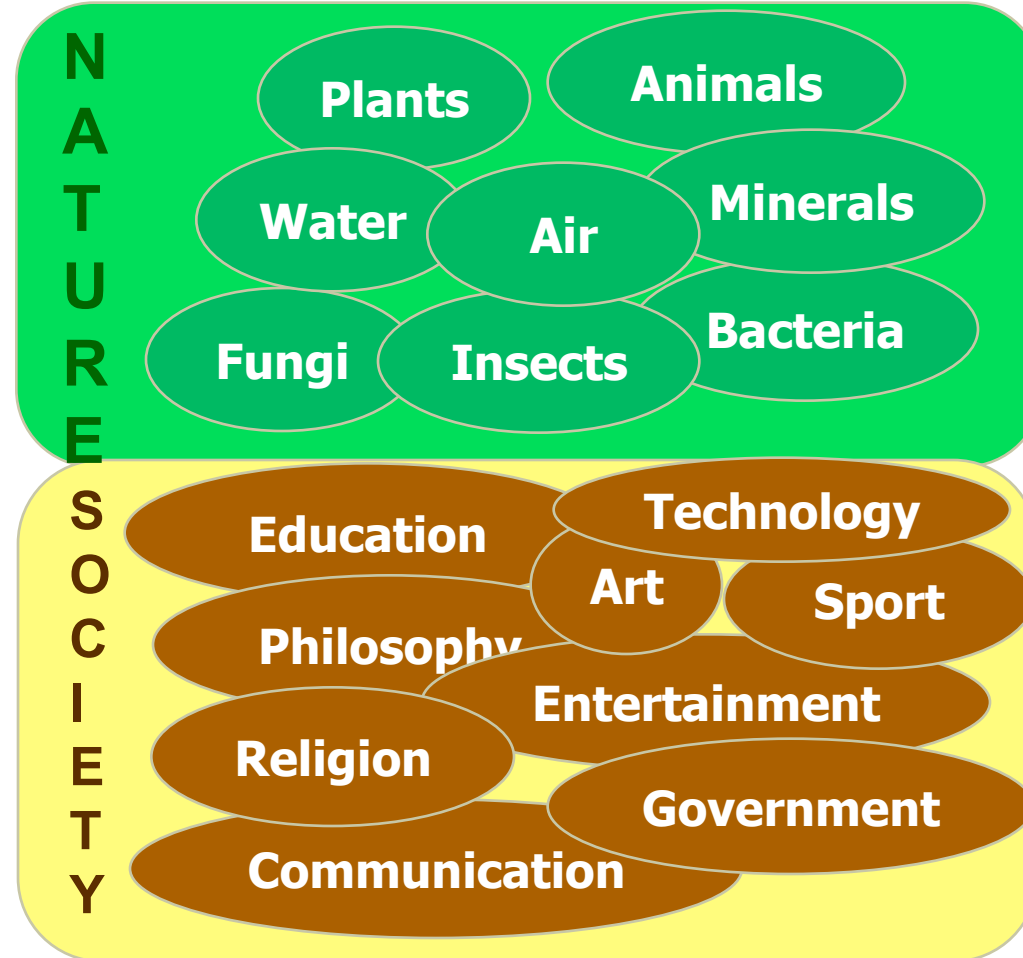
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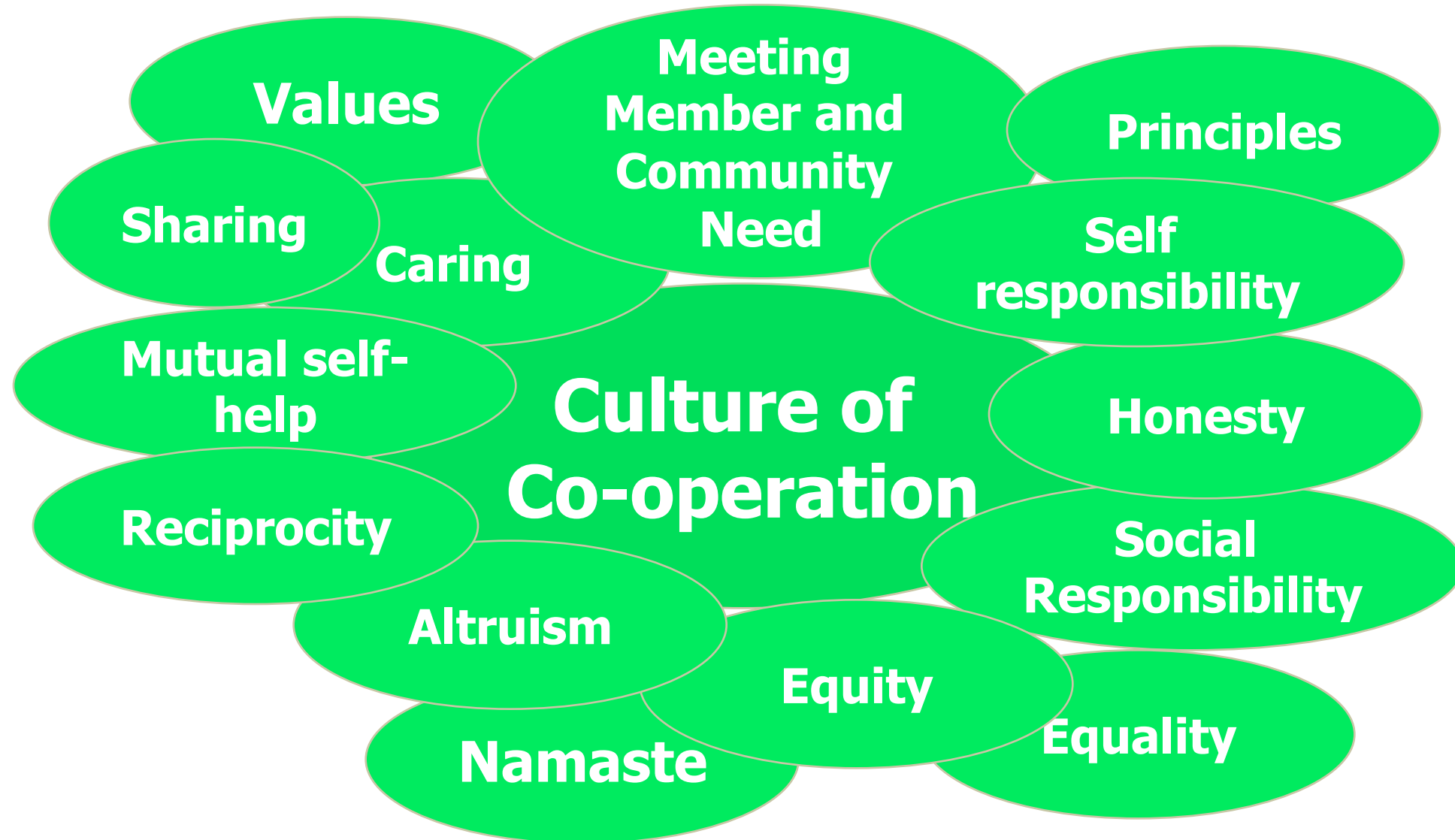
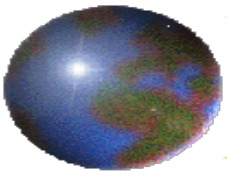
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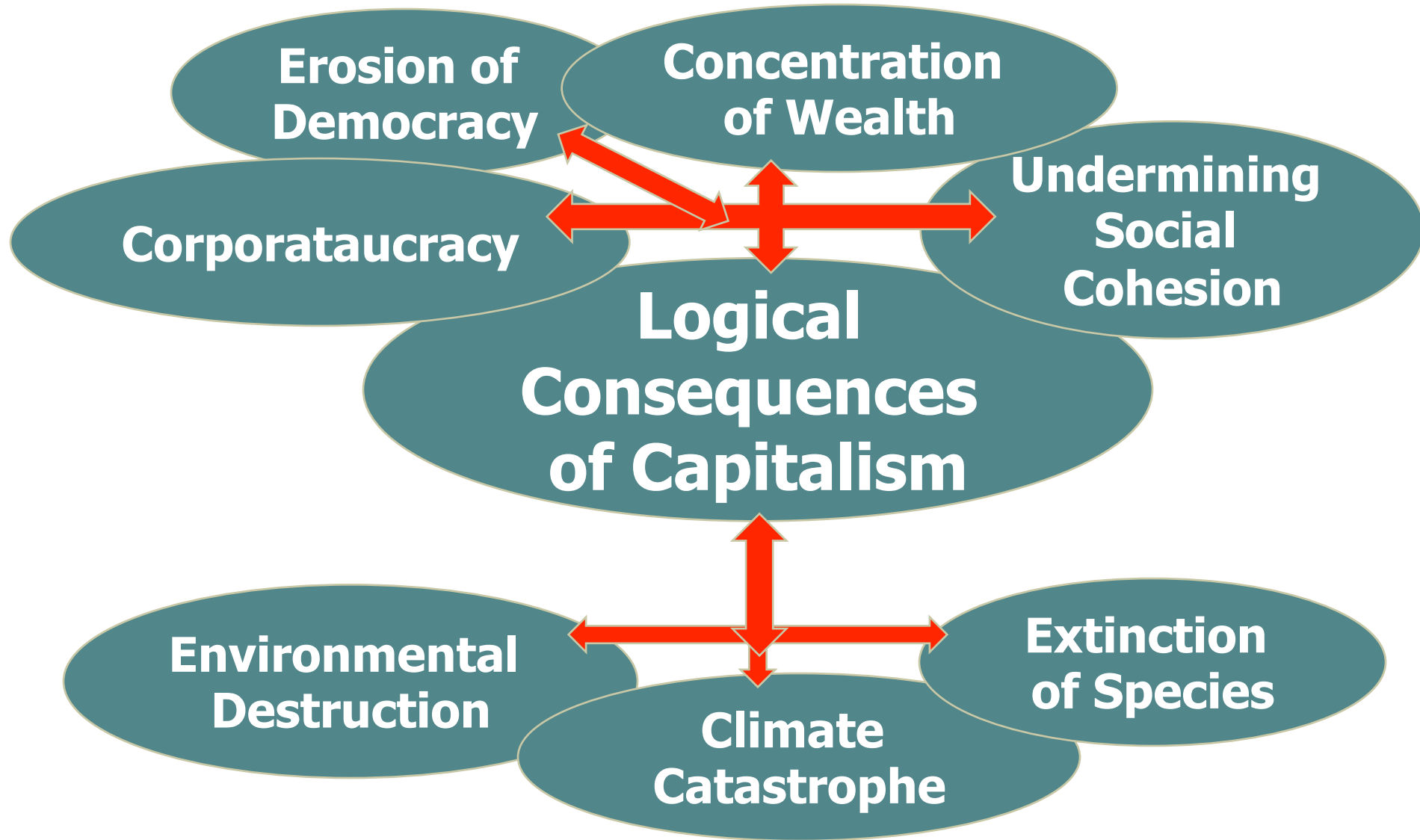
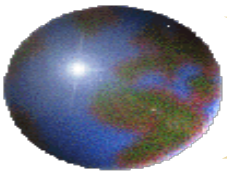


**To
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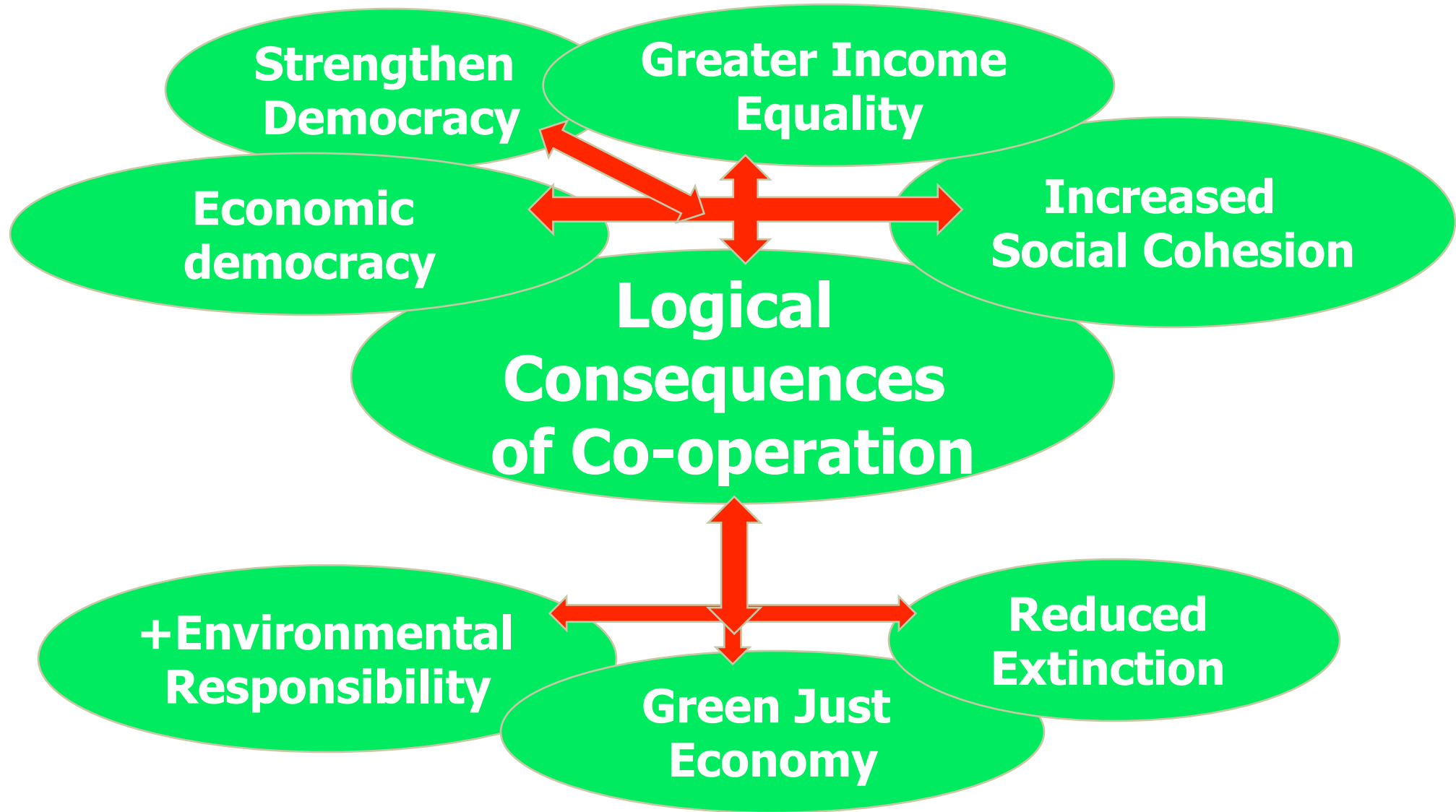
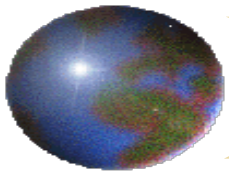
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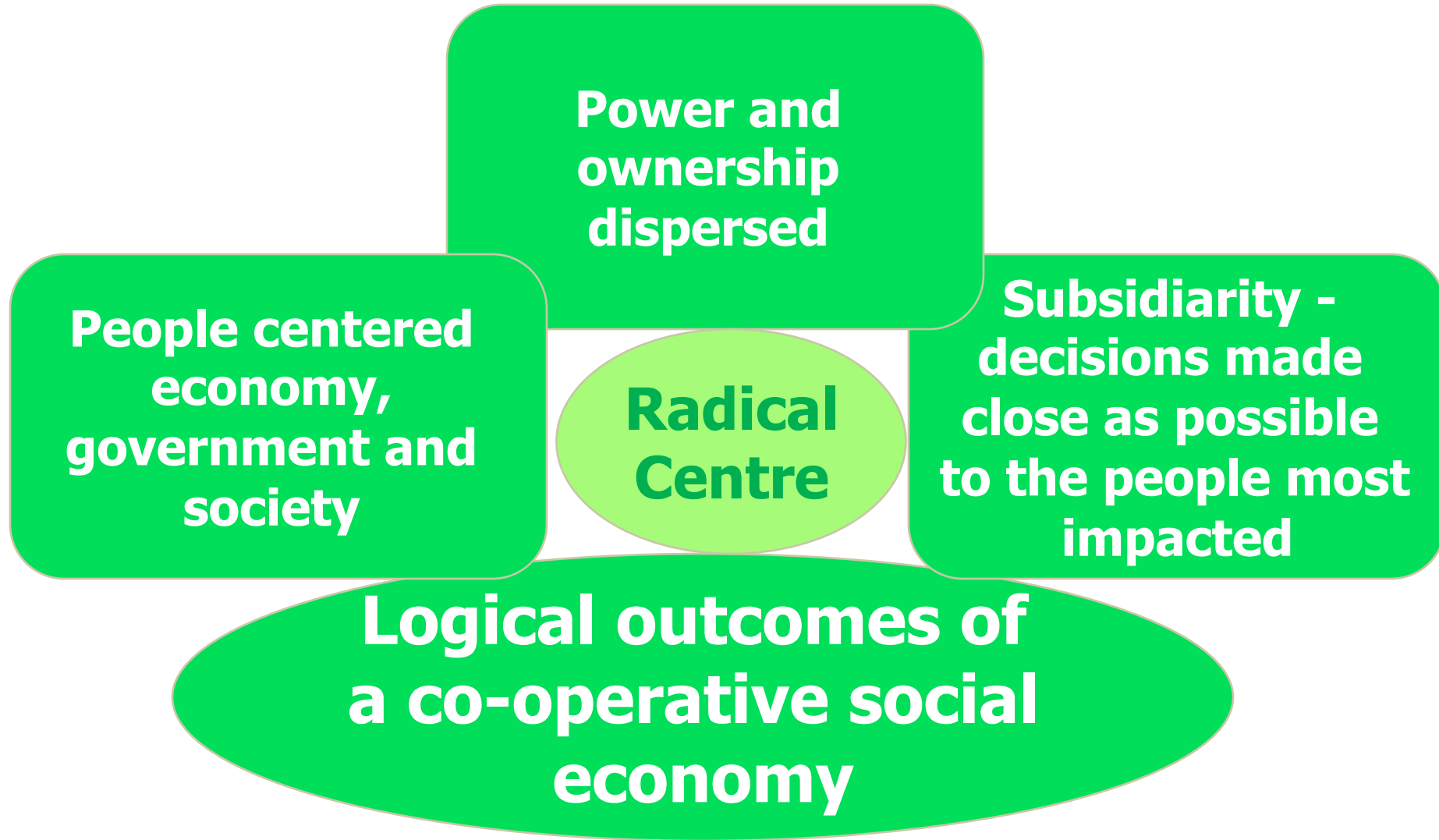
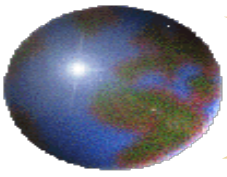
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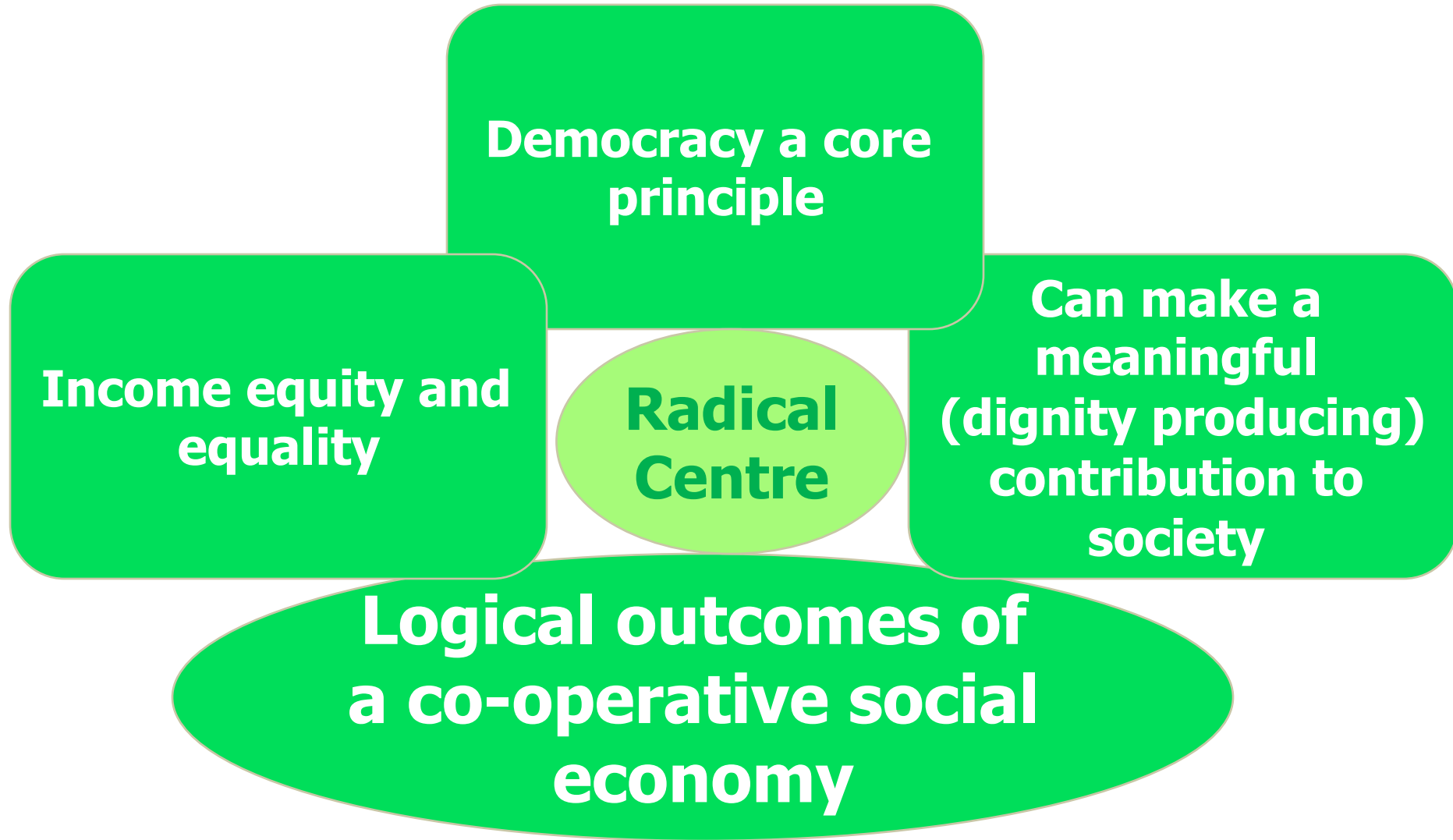
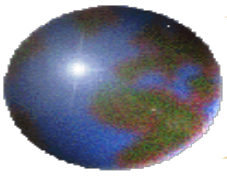


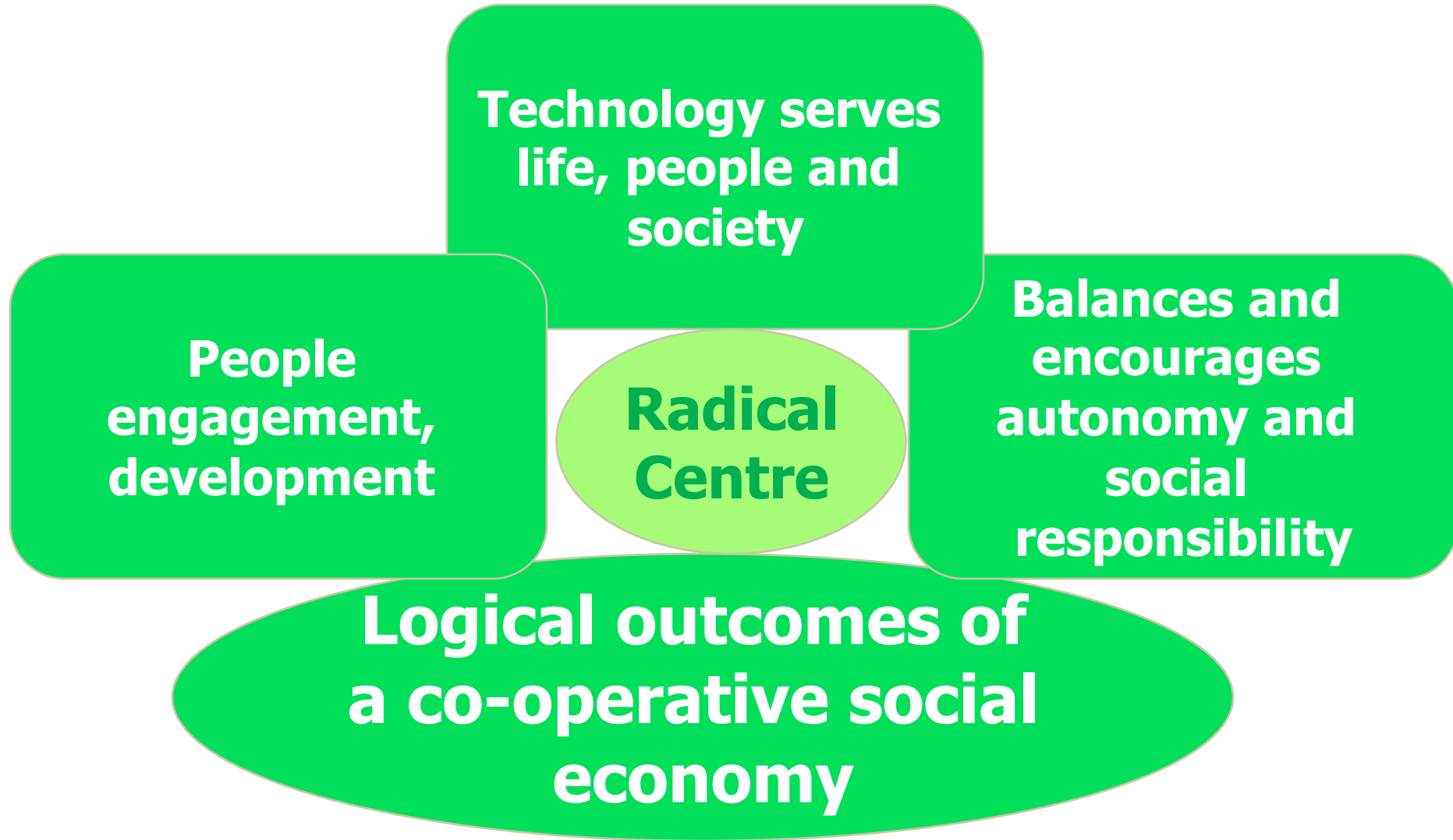
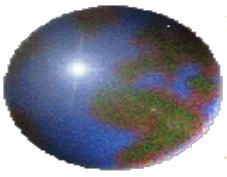
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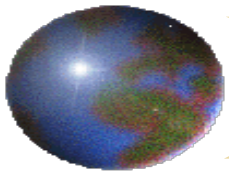


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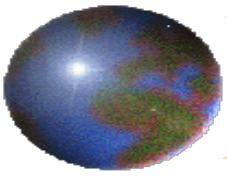




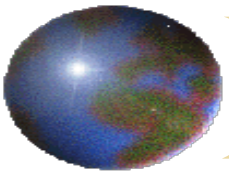


Discussion:

- **Is this analysis correct?**
- **Is it one people are ready for?**
- **Is there an alternative?**



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Do we really need co-operatives?

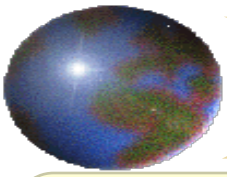
**Without co-operatives it
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**Without co-operatives
climate change will
accelerate.**

**Transition Cost:
Relatively Low**

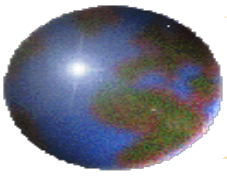
**No Transition Cost:
Economic collapse**



What's holding co-operatives back?

Many of our leaders do not value a co-operative economy

- **Co-operatives are just a sector**
- **We are people's capitalism**
- **Capitalism benefits most people**
- **Running a co-operative is just like running any other business**
- **If we do things differently we won't be competitive**
- **We depend on doing business with capitalist firms – should be quiet**



**Co-operative
Capital Fund**

**Coalitions of
the willing**

**Work with
Greens/NDP and
perhaps Liberals**

**What needs
to be done**

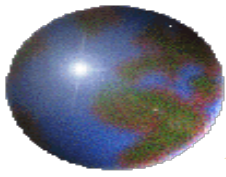
**Target green
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**Strong co-
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development
centers**

**Social and
platform co-
operatives**

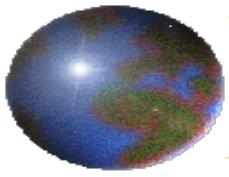
**Worker and
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And much more



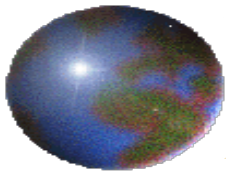
Discussion:

- Where are we going?
- What do we need to do?
 - How important is it?



Thank you!

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