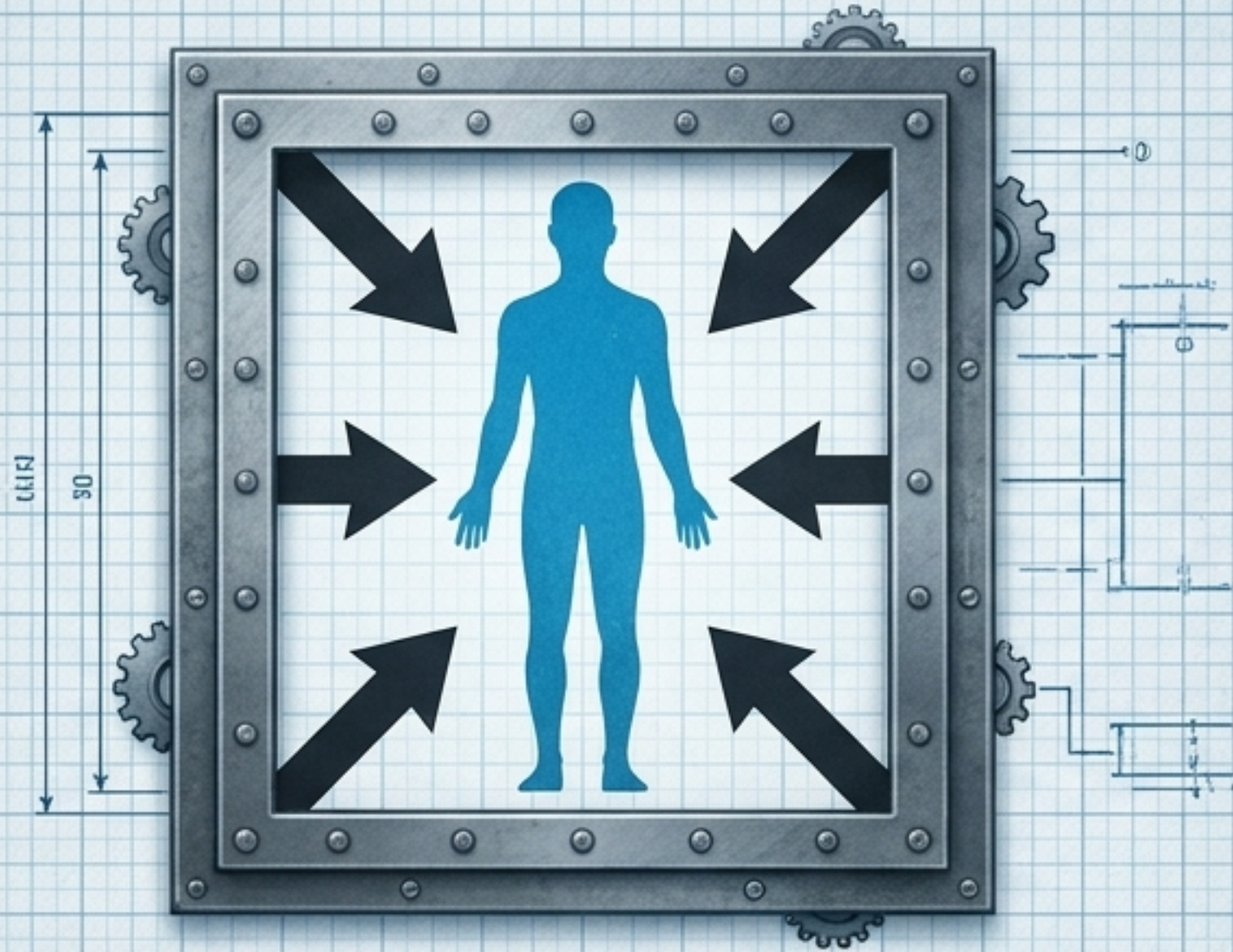




# Beyond the Grid, Into the Weave

Synthesizing ancestral intelligence, decolonial psychology, and neuroqueer lived experience to build life-affirming sanctuaries.

# METHODOLOGICAL INDIVIDUALISM



## The Bounded Self.

Knowledge is treated as an objective 'thing,' and the individual is viewed as inherently severed from their environment and community. Physical, emotional, and moral realms are compartmentalized into distinct variables.

# A POLYCENTRIC WORLD

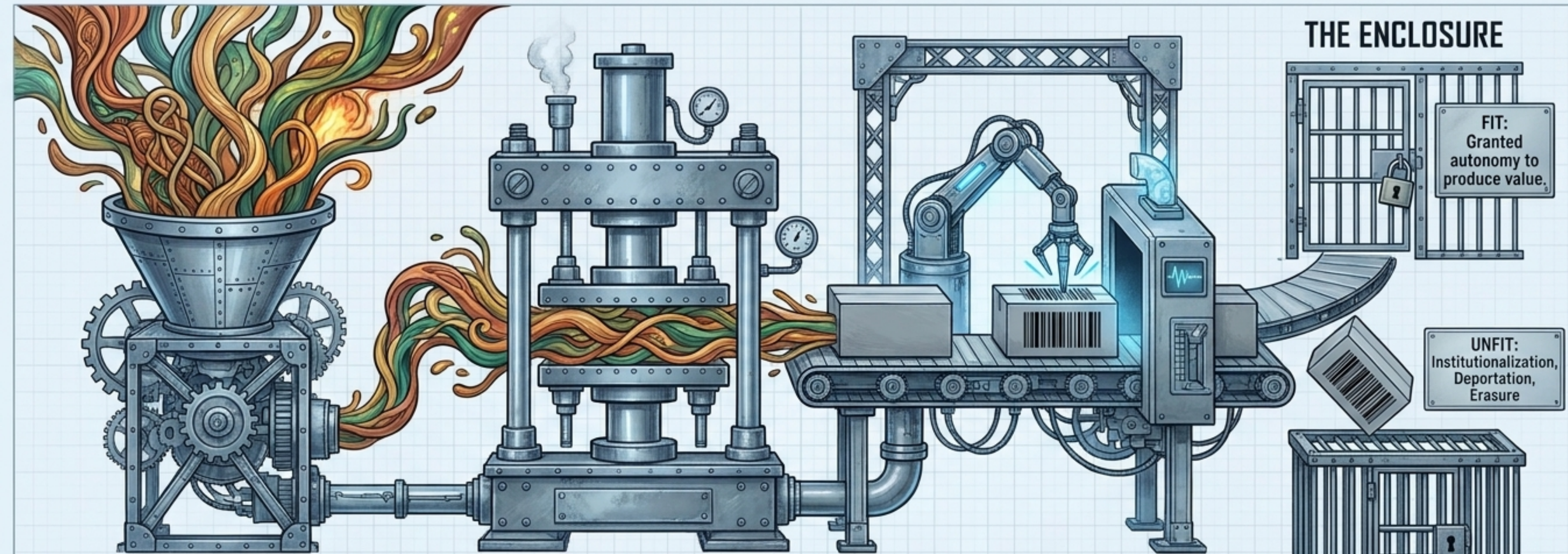


## The Permeable Self.

Rooted in *Kapwa*—the recognition of a shared identity and an inner self shared with others.

“Implied in such inclusiveness is the moral obligation to treat one another as equal fellow human beings.” — Virgilio Enriquez

# The Architecture of the Medical-Carceral Complex



## THE RAW INPUT

Indigenous, neurodivergent, and gender-fluid identities naturally exist outside the binary.

## THE COLONIAL FILTER

Neoliberal systems demand the "Ideal Subject"—someone who requires minimal accommodation and prioritizes capitalist productivity.

## THE DIAGNOSTIC WEAPON

Human behaviors that inconvenience dominant power structures are categorized as medical deficits. Bias disguised as biology.

## THE ENCLOSURE

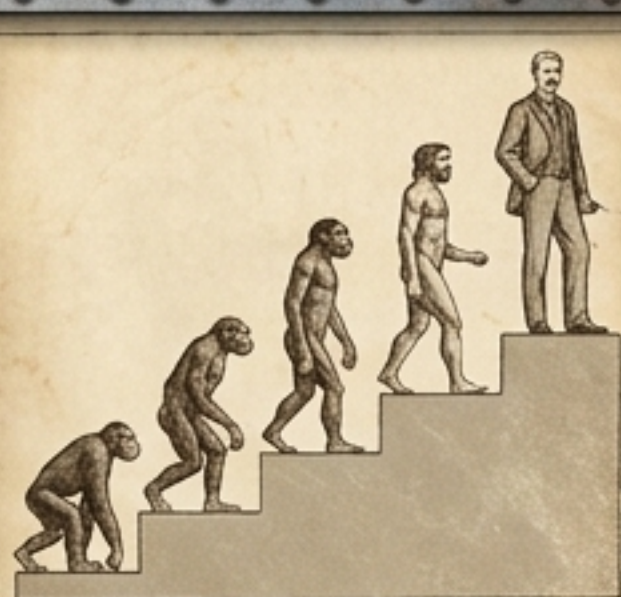
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# EUGENICS IS AN ACTIVE, EVOLVING ARCHITECTURE

## THE IMPERIAL SHOWCASE (1904)



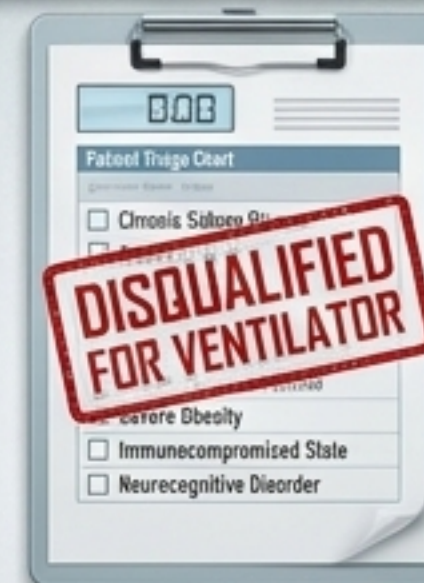
The World's Fair literally arranged Filipinos on an evolutionary continuum from "savage primitive" to "civilized modern" to justify empire.

## THE NORMAL STANDARD (1920s)



Early intelligence testing weaponized arbitrary white, middle-class standards to classify millions as "feeble-minded."

## THE PRESENT REALITY (COVID-19)



Modern triage protocols utilize pre-existing conditions to disqualify disabled, chronically ill, and mad bodyminds from accessing life-saving care.

### SYNTHESIZED INSIGHT:

Eugenics functions to measure, manage, and discard bodyminds that do not serve the capitalist machine. "Pre-existing conditions" are weaponized to justify exclusion.

# The Inequitable Burden of the Translation Tax

	The Queer Refugee	The Trans Patient	The Disabled Individual
Authentic Reality	Fleeing complex intersectional violence (e.g., caste/religious persecution).	Experiencing a non-normative gender identity on their own terms.	Seeking accessibility to live fully and authentically.
Required Performance	Must perform normative Western "coming out" narratives to prove queerness to asylum authorities.	Must perform cis-approved narratives of bodily hatred to access gender-affirming medical care.	Must advocate for basic human rights using the corporate language of economic productivity.

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**Takeaway:** The Double Empathy Problem in Action. The institution feels no structural pressure to understand natural language; the survivor must carry the entire burden of translating themselves into a format the institution can digest.

# The Assimilation Trap & The Double Empathy Problem

## The Mandate of the Mask:

- For neurodivergent diasporic folks, approximating the “model minority” standard requires suppressing emotional expression and hiding cognitive differences to comply with Anglophone “low context” cultural values.



## The Erasure Cost:

Inheriting this survival mandate leads to severe burnout, misdiagnosis, and the violent erasure of neuroqueer brilliance.

**The exact mechanism of survival is the root of profound suffering.  
We cannot survive by merely adjusting the mask; we must dismantle the cage.**



## The Umwelt

Living under the constant neurophysiological drain of codeswitching, masking, and meeting low-context Anglophone cultural values.

## The Event

A 40-hour dominant-hemisphere right temporal AVM rupture (stroke).

## The Awakening

The colonial filter shatters. The bodymind shifts from hyperlexic (forced into rigid symbols and Nouns) to simultaneous and hyperphantasic (experiencing the world as interconnected images and Verbs).

*Surviving this injury was not a loss of self; it was ancestral resilience waking up.  
The stroke unmasked the original decolonial self.*

# Indigenous Wholeness: Sikolohiyang Pilipino

## 1 Loob (The Inner Core)

**The holistic inner self.**  
Unlike Western thought which splits intellect from emotion, Loob is the unified self that feels, wills, thinks, and acts as a total, inseparable whole.

## 2 Kapwa (The Permeable Skin)

**Radical interconnectedness.**  
The profound recognition of shared identity that destroys the colonial duality of "I" and "The Other".  
"I am because we are."

## 3 Pakikiramdam (The Antenna)

**Pivotal felt-sensing. The tacit,**  
spiritual intelligence to feel the energy of a room and connect with others without relying on the rigid, linear nouns of the English language.

# Language Justice: Refusing to be a Noun

## The Neoliberal Noun

The dominant culture demands concise, linear communication that isolates facts for economic productivity. It flattens complex human experiences into single, measurable labels (e.g., "Mild Autism").

## The Simultaneous Film

Hyperphantasia. The brain processes information as simultaneous, 4K visual arrays where thousands of details click together bottom-up.

## Reclaiming the Meander

Deep verbosity, meandering truth-serum states, and non-linear storytelling are not symptoms of a broken brain. They are emergent strategies. The neuroqueer survivor refuses to isolate a single noun because isolating reality is a lie.

# Two Divergent Models of Human Wholeness

## THE EUGENIC / CARCERAL MODEL

### VALUE

Targets economic productivity and compliance.

### DIFFERENCE

Views difference as a defect to be cured, hidden, or managed.

### CARE

Enforces paternalistic medical control and strips autonomy (infantilization).

### GOAL

Enforces a standardized, homogeneous, predictable population.

## THE DISABILITY JUSTICE MODEL

### VALUE

Asserts inherent, unconditional, and interdependent worth.

### DIFFERENCE

Recognizes difference as a cultural gain and profound insight (Disability Gain).

### CARE

Demands community support, bodily autonomy, and the absolute dignity of risk.

### GOAL

Works toward collective liberation, interdependence, and the dismantling of borders.

# Access Intimacy: Bypassing the Translation Tax

## The Relief

That elusive, eerie comfort when someone else completely instinctively “gets” your access needs. A purely access-level comfort that feels like a long, slow exhale where the disabled body finally relaxes.

## The Shared Ground

A deep form of Kapwa born from shared lived experience. It operates on automatic understanding—no explanations, apologies, or translation tax required. It starts from a place of “steel vulnerability.”

## The Contrast

It is not charity, forced intimacy, obligatory helping, or resentful care. It is a distinct form of connection, attraction, and energy unto itself that bypasses the glass ceiling of ableist relationships.

# Improvising Liberation: Harmonizing Against Rigidity

## Manobo Relational Governance

Fluid oral tradition  
and active listening.

Relies on decentral-  
ized authority,  
continuous consent,  
and the mediation of  
elders to de-escalate  
disputes.

Restorative, focused  
on relational repair  
over punitive exile.

## Alternative Modes of Belonging

We protect each other by  
listening, adapting, and  
co-creating alternative  
political orders that bypass  
the state apparatus.

## Jazz Epistemology

20th-century diasporic  
improvisation.

A radically creative  
language originating  
from the intermingl-  
ing of marginalized  
struggles.

Prioritizes human  
sociality, shared rhythm,  
and a "Communism  
of the Senses" over  
capitalist metrics or  
written legal codes.

# Repatterning the Fabric of Power

## Power Over (The Tight Net)

Coercion, extraction, and hierarchy. The foundation of fascism and the medical-carceral complex. Binds bodies and limits possibilities.

## Power Within (The Core Thread)

Internal coherence. Reclaiming the full interior space (Loob) despite fear or pain. The fertile soil of liberatory futures.

## Power With (The Loom)

Relational quality. Metabolizing dissent without collapsing into dominance. Amplifies individual power into collective action.

## Power To (The Needle)

Material coordinative capacity. The ability to initiate, sew, and activate threads in the collective fabric to create immediate change.

# Operationalizing *Kapwa*: The Dignity of Risk



## Guardianship

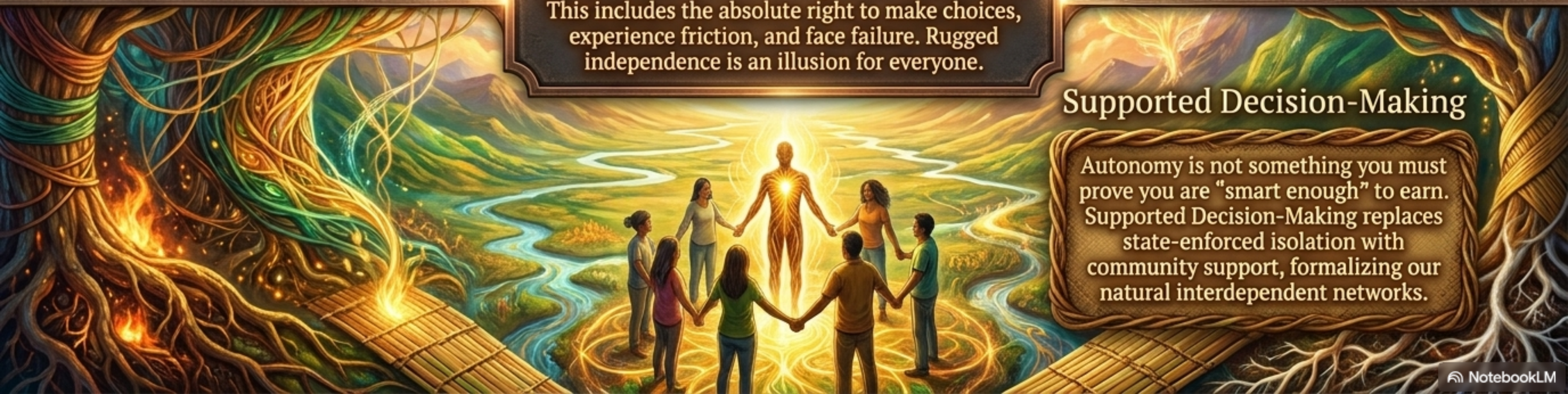
Society actively devalues disabled bodyminds, setting survivors up to fail, and then responds to this manufactured vulnerability with guardianships that unilaterally restrict all life decisions.

## The Dignity of Risk

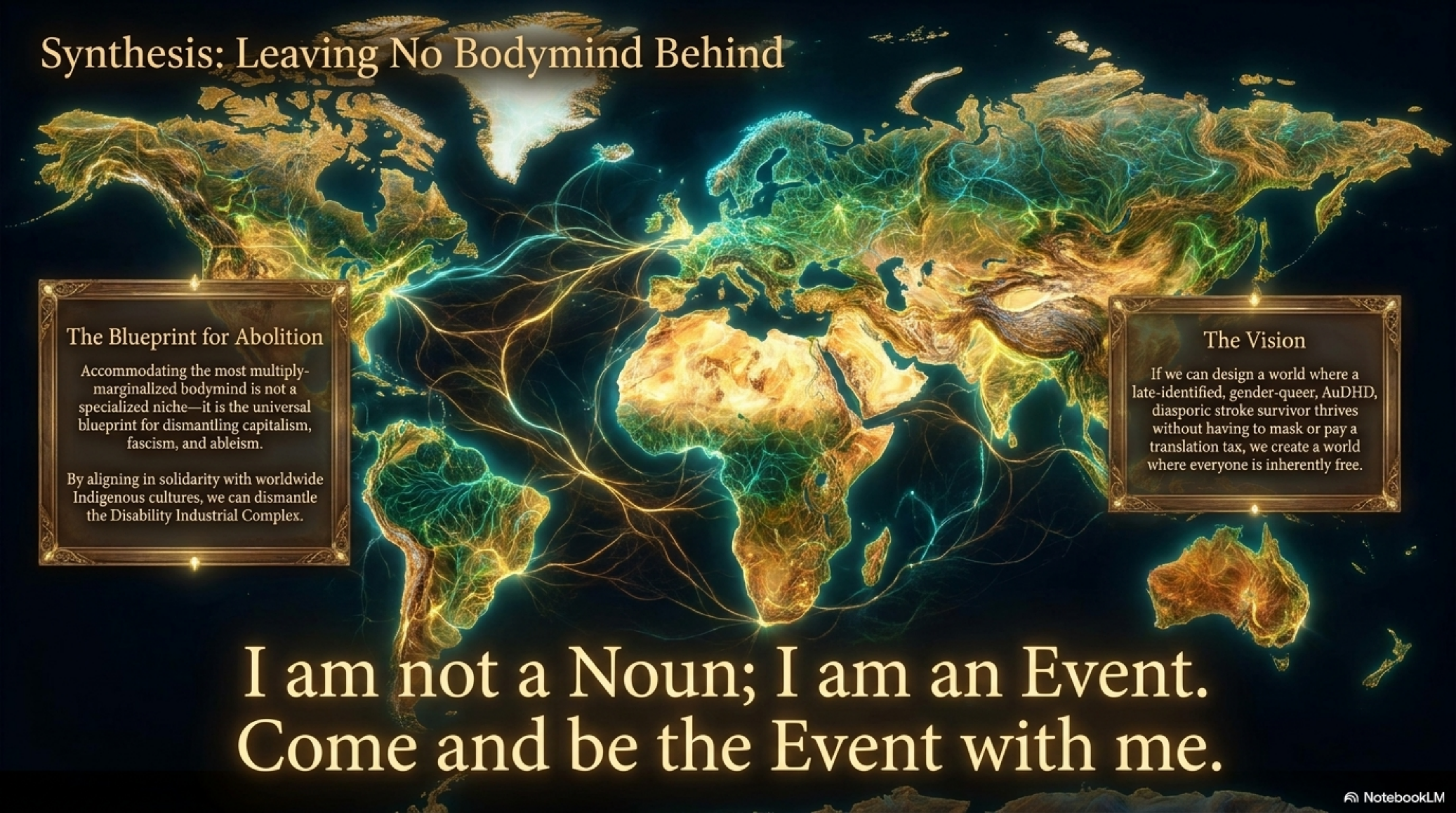
Bodily autonomy is a non-negotiable human right. This includes the absolute right to make choices, experience friction, and face failure. Rugged independence is an illusion for everyone.

## Supported Decision-Making

Autonomy is not something you must prove you are "smart enough" to earn. Supported Decision-Making replaces state-enforced isolation with community support, formalizing our natural interdependent networks.



# Synthesis: Leaving No Bodymind Behind



## The Blueprint for Abolition

Accommodating the most multiply-marginalized bodymind is not a specialized niche—it is the universal blueprint for dismantling capitalism, fascism, and ableism.

By aligning in solidarity with worldwide Indigenous cultures, we can dismantle the Disability Industrial Complex.

## The Vision

If we can design a world where a late-identified, gender-queer, AuDHD, diasporic stroke survivor thrives without having to mask or pay a translation tax, we create a world where everyone is inherently free.

I am not a Noun; I am an Event.  
Come and be the Event with me.