

The Guardian of the Threshold

The Secret Path of Initiation

Who is the Guardian of the Threshold?

The first ordeal that the candidate has to face is the trial of the Guardian of the Threshold. This Guardian is the reflection of the "I," the intimate depths of the "I."

—Samael Aun Weor, *The Perfect Matrimony*

However horrible the form assumed by the Guardian, it is only the effect of the student's own past life, his own character risen out of him into independent existence.

—Rudolf Steiner, *Knowledge of the Higher Worlds*

The "Facing of the Dweller on the Threshold" is the confrontation with the entire past (of the individual) and calls for the full acceptance of that past and of all that has gone to make the individual what he now is.

—Dion Fortune, *Applied Magic*



Three Traitors

- Demon of Desire
 - Astral Plane
- Demon of the Mind
 - Mental Plane
- Demon of Evil Will
 - Causal Plane

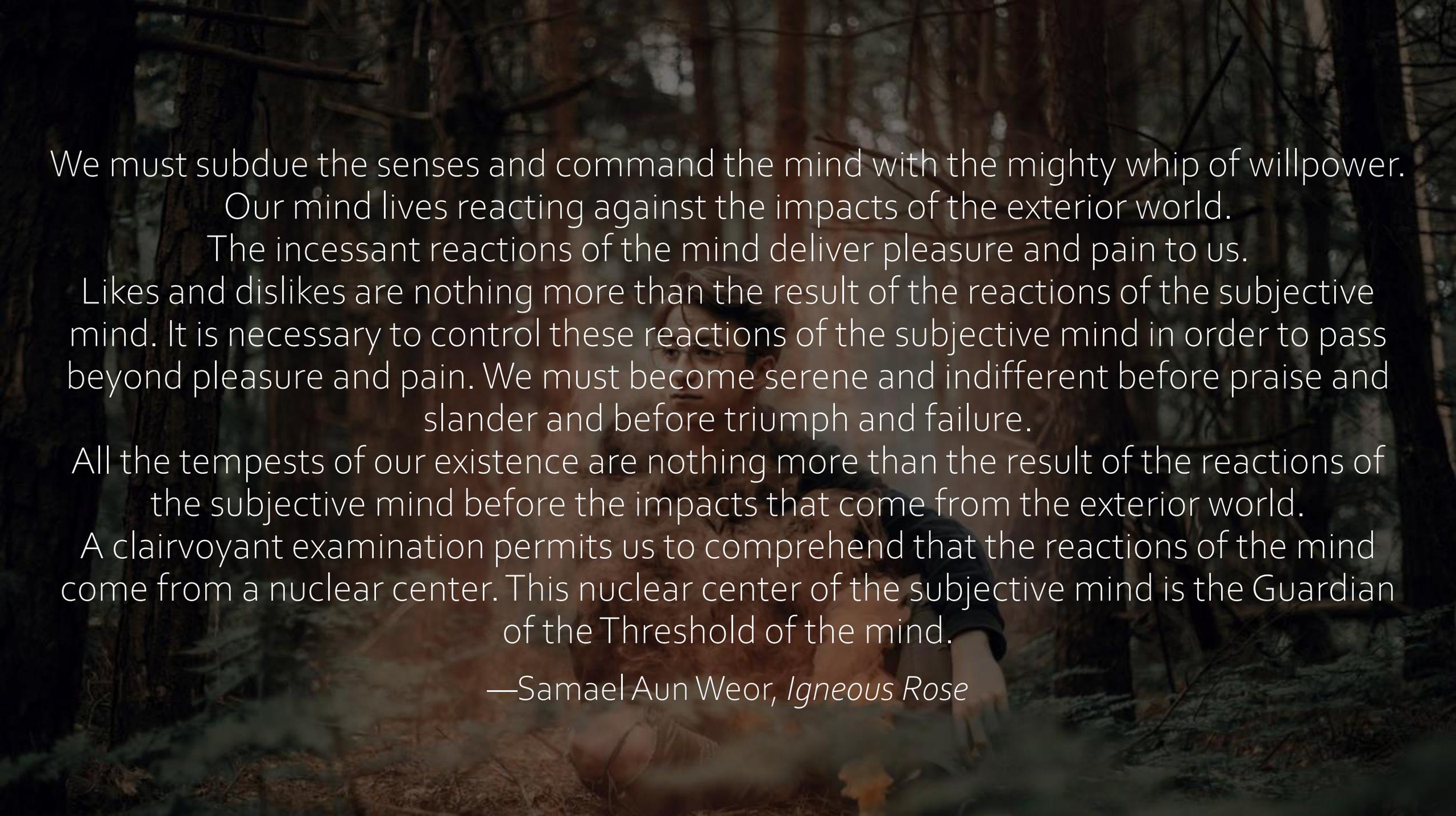


The mind lives reacting against the impacts that come from the exterior world. One must control these reactions of the mind by means of willpower.

If one throws a rock into a lake, then one will see crystalline waves extending from the center to the periphery. The waves become the reaction of the water against the rock.

If someone insults us, then we feel anger. This anger is a reaction to the words of the insulter.

—Samael Aun Weor, *Igneous Rose*

A young man with glasses is sitting on the ground in a forest, looking thoughtfully to the side. The background is filled with trees and foliage, creating a natural, somewhat somber atmosphere. The text is overlaid on this image.

We must subdue the senses and command the mind with the mighty whip of willpower.

Our mind lives reacting against the impacts of the exterior world.

The incessant reactions of the mind deliver pleasure and pain to us.

Likes and dislikes are nothing more than the result of the reactions of the subjective mind. It is necessary to control these reactions of the subjective mind in order to pass beyond pleasure and pain. We must become serene and indifferent before praise and slander and before triumph and failure.

All the tempests of our existence are nothing more than the result of the reactions of the subjective mind before the impacts that come from the exterior world.

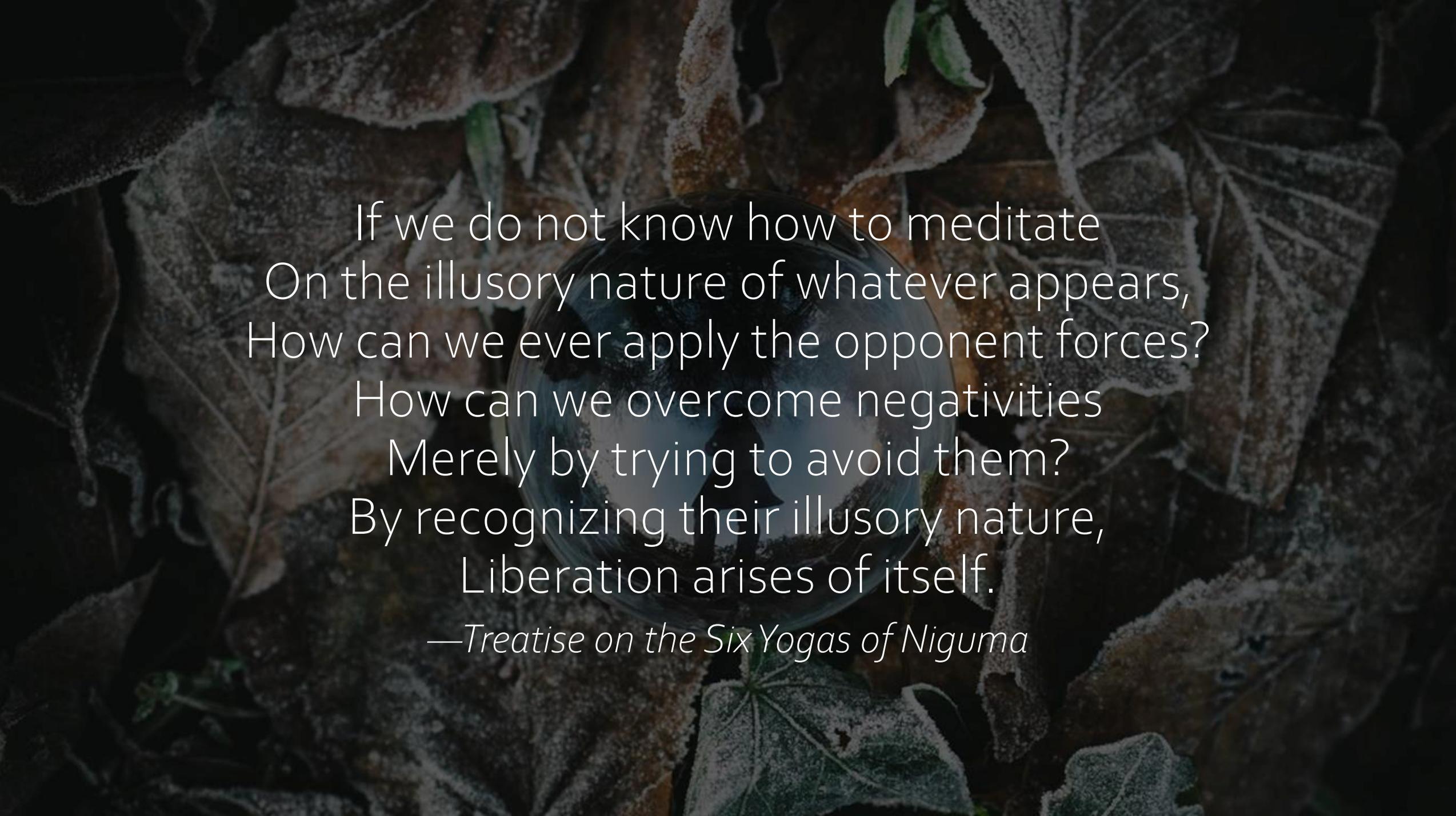
A clairvoyant examination permits us to comprehend that the reactions of the mind come from a nuclear center. This nuclear center of the subjective mind is the Guardian of the Threshold of the mind.

—Samael Aun Weor, *Igneous Rose*



The Guardian of the Threshold of the mind is similar to the smoke of the flame.
The Guardian of the Threshold of the mind is a terrible demonic creature. It lives by reacting against the exterior world with waves of pleasure and pain, with waves of likes and dislikes, and with waves of hatred, envy, greed, slander, selfishness, etc.
We have created this guardian on our own, with all the evil of our subjective mind.
There is the need to carefully separate the smoke from the flames.

—Samael Aun Weor, *Igneous Rose*

A glass globe is centered in the image, resting on a bed of dry, brown leaves. The globe is transparent and contains a dark, silhouetted figure of a person in a meditative posture. The background is a dense layer of leaves, some of which are green and some are brown, creating a textured, natural setting. The lighting is soft and even, highlighting the textures of the leaves and the clarity of the globe.

If we do not know how to meditate
On the illusory nature of whatever appears,
How can we ever apply the opponent forces?
How can we overcome negativities
Merely by trying to avoid them?
By recognizing their illusory nature,
Liberation arises of itself.

—*Treatise on the Six Yogas of Niguma*