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**parakletos: one who aids by whatever means needed**

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**I will become aware of the divine presence and the depth of every moment**

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