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How Long?
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Deshi: How long do I have to train before I receive my black belt?

Sensei: You can have that right now if you would like.

Deshi: I see what you are saying. Let me ask then, how long until I become very proficient in the art.

Sensei: How long do you have?

Deshi: Let us say, I have my whole lifetime.

Sensei: Let us say, that will not be enough. However, should you train a lifetime, when you pass on, and when people speak of you in memory, they will say, "He knew more than most."