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Ph. D. stands for "*Doctor of Philosophy*" and the name of the degree comes from the Latin phrase *philosophiae doctor*, and the "*philosophy*" part of the name comes from the Greek word *philosophia*, "*love of wisdom*." An online Ph.D. database – FindAPhD says that the PhD degree holder is an "*authority, in full command of (a given) subject right up to the boundaries of current knowledge, and able to extend them*." A path from deciding to pursue a Ph. D. to Earning a Ph. D. is substantially big and important journey that requires not only the blood, sweat and tears from the pursuer but also the support of individuals who are directly or indirectly associated with this journey. As I am on the verge of completion of this lifetime experience, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude towards each and every person who contributed to this journey of mine.

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