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## Lahiri's Blessing

In the ancient land of India, in the year 1893, Bhagabati Charan Gosh and Gyan Prabha Gosh had son they named Mukunda. This divine child would grow up to be the great master Paramhansa Yogananda.

Mukunda's mother was a very saintly woman. She knew he was a great soul even when he was still very young. When Mukunda was still but a babe, she carried him to see her guru Lahiri Mahasaya. While she held little Mukunda in her arms, she prayed silently that Lahiri notice her, even though she could hardly see him from behind the throng of disciples that gathered around the master. Lahiri sat rapt in deep meditation. She prayed with deep, divine love that he would give her child a spiritual blessing. When she opened her eyes Lahiri Mahasaya had come out of his meditation and motioned for her to come forward. She knelt to touch her guru's feet to show her love and respect. Lahiri took her baby on his lap, and placed his hand on the baby's forehead to bless him. He then said, "Little mother, thy son will be a yogi. As a spiritual engine he will carry many souls to God's kingdom." Gyan Prabha Gosh was overjoyed that her great guru had answered her secret prayer.



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