BUILDING THE BRIDGE

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Lord Ramachandra was building the bridge to reach Lanka and kill Ravana. The monkeys were carrying huge stone to build this bridge.
The strongest of all monkeys was Hanuman. He was carrying the biggest boulders and throwing them in the sea to make the bridge.
There was a small spider who was also assisting Lord Rama to build the bridge by pushing very small sand particles.
When Hanuman saw the spider struggling to push small sand particles, he started laughing.

What is the use of your effort?
Lord Ramachandra called Hanuman over and asked him.

Tell Me why I am building this bridge
Because you want to cross the ocean.
This is not true. I don't have to cross the ocean. Just a few minutes ago I dried the ocean simply by getting angry.
That's not the reason. I could be there in one moment if I wanted. Simply by writing My name the stones are floating in the ocean.
How much more potent is it if I am there?
Because You want to kill Ravana
If I want to kill Ravana, all I have to do is leave his heart and he will die. Only because of My presence he is living.
Then why you are building this bridge?
To engage all of you in the devotional service and thus get purified.
Like you the spider is also struggling and trying his best to engage in devotional service.