

Hanuman's

Devotion

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While building the bridge across the ocean, Hanuman played an active role. One day, Lord Rama came up to watch the construction. He noticed that Hanuman had a queue of monkeys standing in front of him with big boulders and rocks. Hanuman took one rock from a monkey, wrote Rama's name on it and then threw it into the ocean. The rock floated on the waters instead of sinking. Thereafter, on that rock the other rocks and boulders stood and in this manner the bridge was being laid.

Rama watched this with amazement. He started wondering how this could happen. How could mere writing of his name on the stone make it float on water? He wondered if it had anything to do with Hanuman. He thought of trying it out himself to find out.

He felt that if this was due to Hanuman's faith and if Rama himself had none of that power, it would be very embarrassing. He waited till it was dark. He wanted to make sure that no one was watching him test out the power of his own name.

In the darkness he did not see Hanuman watching him go to the sea. Rama quietly picked up a stone, wrote the name Rama on it and then threw the stone into the ocean. The stone sank in the waters.

Immediately there was a huge shout. Rama turned around to see that all the monkeys had gathered there to watch him throw the stone. At their head was Hanuman. Hanuman was roaring with laughter that Rama himself could not keep the stone afloat. Rama felt terribly sheepish.

Suddenly Hanuman turned to the hordes of monkeys and asked, "Seriously, do you know why that stone could not float on the waters?"

The monkeys shook their heads. Hanuman said, "When I let go of them, I think of Rama and his power holds the stones on the water. Now when Rama himself lets go of the stone who can save it? So the stone sinks in the water."

Rama was pleased to hear Hanuman's interpretation of the incident.

Enthusiasm is faith in action; and faith with initiative removes all barriers.

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