The research paper entitled “Advent of Islam in Tirunelveli District – A Study” attempts to trace out the rise and spread of Islam and its significant effects in Tirunelveli region. Kayal port city was the principal commercial emporium of Mabar attracting traders from Arab countries, China and Greece even before the advent of Islam. The sangam literatures such as ‘Ahananuru’, ‘Mullaippattu’, ‘Nedunalvadai’, ‘Perumpanatruppadai’, ‘Manimekalai’, ‘Maduraikanchi’, ‘Seevagasinthamani’, and ‘Silapathikaram’ call a class of people of traders, soldiers and artisans as “Yavanas”.

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