PREFACE

I have undertaken to bring out a research on the “Arulmigu Arunachaleswarar temple at Thiruvannamalai - A Study” because it has not been studied sufficiently so far with a view to evaluate them in this view. This evaluation has eventually led me to make an emphasis on the “Arulmigu Arunachaleswarar temple at Thiruvannamalai - A Study”. This is precisely the scope of my thesis. I consider this as a humble attempt towards a new way of reflecting the Arulmigu Arunachaleswarar temple at Thiruvannamalai.

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