ABSTRACT

The thesis is entitled “Status of reason between Christian theology and kalam, Augustine and Al-Ghazali as model”. The study tries to highlight the status of mental evidence in proving issues of Creed at the hands of two prominent thinkers who are considered authorities in religious thought, St. Augustine in the Christian theological thought, and Imam Al-Ghazali in Islamic kalam thought. This study included an introduction, a preface, four chapters, a conclusion. The introduction discusses the importance of the topic, the reasons for its choice, previous studies. The preface gives autobiography about Augustine and Al-Ghazali. Then, deals with the status of reason in the Bible and the Quran. Finally defines the Christian theology and Islamic kalam, the similarities and differences between them. The first chapter "Reason and knowledge between Augustine and Al-Ghazali" It includes two sections: The first - reason and knowledge according to Augustine. The second - reason and knowledge according to Al-Ghazali. In this topics I discuss the status of reason and its role in the acquisition of knowledge. Further, I illustrate the relationship between reason and tradition. Then, the thesis mentions some of the mental methods that are adopted by the two thinkers. The second chapter, entitled "Reason and divinity between Augustine and Al-Ghazali" has consisted of two sections: The first - reason and divinity according to Augustine. The second - reason and divinity according to Al-Ghazali. The study addresses the status of mental proofs in theology in the thought of Augustine and Ghazali such as, the existence of God. Chapter three