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ABSTRAK

**KONSEP AKAL MENURUT PANDANGAN AL-GHAZALI DAN
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Dalam doktrin agama terdapat dua sumber untuk mendapatkan pengetahuan dan petunjuk kebenaran. Pertama adalah wahyu dan kedua adalah akal. Masalahnya, banyak manusia yang belum memaksimalkan kegunaan akalnya dengan hal yang bermanfaat, padahal dengan akal manusia dapat mencapai kesempurnaan dalam segala bidang. Oleh karenanya, kedudukan akal dalam Islam sangat terhormat. Menurut al-Ghazali pada buku *ihyā' Ulūmuddīn* bahwa akal merupakan muara ilmu, tempat terbitnya segala ilmu pengetahuan. Mencapai kesempurnaan menjadi tujuan utama, karena pada era modern banyak manusia yang telah terdominasi oleh materialisme dan rasionalisme yang sering mengabaikan dimensi spiritual. Sedangkan spiritual merupakan kunci mencapai kesempurnaan dengan keseimbangan intelektual.

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui konsep akal menurut pandangan al-Ghazali, selain itu juga dapat diketahui peran akal dan potensinya menuju kesempurnaan.

Penelitian ini merupakan penelitian kepustakaan (library research) dengan pendekatan kualitatif dengan subjek penelitian karya-karya al-Ghazali serta jurnal yang menyimpulkan perihal konsep akal serta peran dan potensinya menuju kesempurnaan.

Adapun hasil dari penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa akal terbagi menjadi dua bagian ialah akal praktis dan teoritis. Dan akal memiliki potensi yang mampu membawa manusia menuju kesempurnaan dengan berpegang teguh pada nilai spiritual dan intelektual.

Berdasarkan hasil penelitian, peneliti mengajukan beberapa saran kepada peneliti selanjutnya agar mencari pembahasan lebih terhadap akal dalam pandangan filosof muslim atau Barat agar mengetahui peran akal secara mendalam, karena akal memiliki peran dan potensi dalam kelangsungan hidup manusia.

Kata Kunci: Akal, Al-Ghazali, *Ihyā' Ulūmuddīn*, *Insān Kāmil*, Potensi Akal

ABSTRACT

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In religious doctrine, there are two sources for gaining knowledge and guidance of truth. The first is revelation and the second is intellect. And many humans have not maximized the use of their intellect with useful things, whereas with intellect humans can achieve perfection in all fields. Because the position of intellect in Islam is very honorable. According to al-Ghazali in the book *Ihyā' Ulūmuddīn*, that intellect is the mouth of knowledge, where all knowledge is published. Achieving perfection is the main goal, because, in the modern era, many humans have been dominated by materialism and rationalism which often ignore the spiritual dimension. Meanwhile, spirituality is the key to achieving perfection with intellectual balance.

This research aims to find out the concept of intellect according to al-Ghazali's view, besides that it can also be known the role of intellect and its potential towards perfection.

This research is library research with a qualitative approach with the research subject of al-Ghazali's works and journals that conclude about the concept of intellect and its role and potential towards perfection.

The results of this study indicate that intellect is divided into two parts, practical and theoretical. Intellect has the potential to bring humans to perfection by holding fast to spiritual and intellectual values.

Based on the study's results, the researcher proposes several suggestions to future researchers to look for more discussion of intellect in the views of Muslim or Western philosophers to know the role of intellect in depth, because intellect has a role and potential in human survival.

Keywords: Intellect, Al-Ghazali, *Ihyā' Ulūmuddīn*, *Insān Kāmil*, Potential of Intellect

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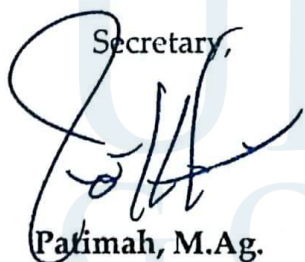
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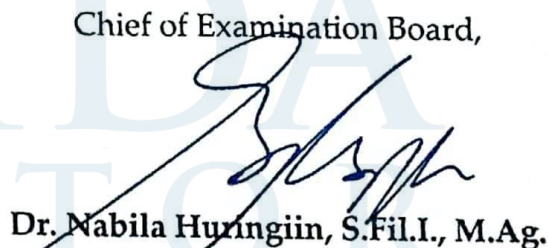
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(Q.S. Al-Mujadilah (58): 11)

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"Happiness is when one is able to master his lust and misery is when one is controlled by his lust"

(Imam al-Ghazali, Ihya' Ulumiddin)

"What is far away is time. What is near is death. The big one is lust. What is heavy is trust. What is easy is sin. What is long is good deeds. What is beautiful is forgiving each other."

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