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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the conversation about the political philosophy at any age is to converse about man who is the creature distinguished from all other creatures in his mind and from the contemplated mind that generates a lot of consistence and harmony that we call philosophy . And if this philosophy is related to the social entity so it becomes a political philosophy , and the man and his happiness are the purpose of any philosophizing . We think that the saying " nothing new under the sun " is not conforming with any any subject more than politics and the topics related with and that the questions of ruling and politics are ancient in their origins and the ruling orders and their defects are all familiar from the first historical ages till our day . Although they took different turn and different solutions in some aspects , but they are in essence absorbed great philosophers like Plato , Aristotle , Saint Augustine , Al – Farabi and others . And the problems of kingship , communism , social justice , racial discrimination , the rights of women and the problems of ruling and freedom are all the problems that man suffered from since his existence in the political entity till the present . And any presentation of these problems is the presentation of an ancient problem in a new dress and in a new reading . Our study entitled (the political philosophy between Plato and Saint Augustine : a comparative analytical study) is an attempt to present , analyze and compare two formulas of philosophizing in the political aspect , which is the formula that took mind as the main source to reach at the human happiness and its salvation although it depended on ideology to reach at its goal , and another formula that derived from religion its beliefs , foundations , its political system and its division of states , towns and humanity to reach at the truth and then reaching at man

salvation and his happiness according to Saint Augustine . Both Plato and Saint Augustine meet at a common goal that is the happiness of man and in spite of the fact that the device looks different apparently but they took an identical approach . This study is divided into four chapters preceded by a preface dealing with the political thoughts from the time preceding Plato passing through the era of Saint Augustine . We divided the chapters into sections and in the first chapter we dealt with the philosophical structure of the virtuous society , in the first section we dealt with the metaphysical structure of utopia , and in the second section we dealt with the moral foundations of utopia , while in the third section we dealt with man since he has a double dimension according to both philosophers . The second chapter dealt with the social structure of the state , in the first section we dealt with the genesis of society and the essential motivations to the rising of society , and in the second section we dealt with the educational foundations in society , while in the third section we dealt with the question of social justice . The third chapter is divided into two sections , the first one dealt with authority since it is something basic to the rising of the state , and in the second section we dealt with the topic of authority between both philosophers and the church and the message of each one of them to the people . In the fourth chapter we dealt with the orders of ruling and the role of law in building the state . In the first section we dealt with the succession of regimes , in the second section we dealt with the question of obedience and duty and their relation to the ruling man in the state . We are certain that in this study we didn't shed light on all the aspects of the philosophy of Plato and Saint Augustine , and there are many fields of research that deserve study , so that we recommend researchers to give their attention to them ,

especially the problem of psyche and the moral values according to these two philosophers .