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The problem of 'qualia' through the perspective of Russian philosophy tradition

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It is presented the objective to consider subjective experience and 'qualia' from the point of view of such characteristics of consciousness as self-consciousness and consciousness as a process and as a state in which content depends from the cultural environment. Here these three characteristics are thoroughly examined and their usage is justified. It is shown that the ambiguity of the 'qualia' term allows us to assign the characteristic of self-consciousness to it; and this clarifies the question of consciousness definition. It has been analyzed Chalmers' objections to the self-consciousness attribution to phenomenal conscious characteristics. It has been also analyzed the dependence of phenomenal conscious existence on its subjective comprehension by A. Leontiev delimitation of sense and meaning can be useful while explaining fact of phenomenal qualities independence for behavior causation. Attempts are made to get the way of using our understanding of conscious as an immanent process which can be an alternative solution of ontological conscious status.

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