

Although the program of analytic philosophy was originally antimetaphysical, since 1970s one can observe the growing interest in the topics typically related to the subject. The most widely discussed among others are: (a) the problem of phenomenal consciousness, i.e. stemming from the philosophy of mind question concerning the relation of brain states to qualitative states of consciousness (so-called qualia); (b) the problem of free will, i.e. the conflict between commonsense belief of human persons' causal effectiveness and the scientific, fully deterministic picture of the world; (c) the problem of the self, which existence – although intuitively obvious – seems to be hard to prove (and sustain) in philosophy.

All of these topics has been undertaken by a British philosopher, Galen Strawson. The solutions he proposes, consisting in the coherent view on the nature of reality, are a promising attempt of establishing some new theoretical frames for the classical problems of metaphysics. His stance is interesting because – although he is faithful to analytic tradition – it transcends the paradigm of analytic philosophy and can be derived from the historical tradition. One cannot be surprised, then, by the growing popularity of Strawson's thought, although his theses – e.g. emerging from the tradition of classical empiricism panpsychism or the argument for the irrelevance of free will based on the contradiction of *causa sui* causation – are sometimes thought to be controversial. However, I assume not only that Strawson's views are a coherent solution of the main problems of analytic metaphysics but also that – incorporated to contemporary quarrels – might be helpful and shed a new light on these issues.

The basic research will consist of two stages. The first one – preparatory – will consist in collecting the most current literature as well as in its' preparation which means systematization, following the argumentation and developing some conceptual tools helpful in a better understanding of the discussed issues. The second stage will consist in reading of the works of Galen Strawson and in matching his thought with the conceptual nexus, developed on the previous stage. It will allow to present Strawson's conception on the map of philosophical stances currently taken in metaphysical debates. The key point of this stage will be establishing a collaboration with Galen Strawson, which will give me a chance to verify my interpretation of his thought.

Every stage will be presented in papers published in the best Polish philosophical journals as well as during speeches delivered on the most important conferences. Due to the fact, a Polish reader will be given with a synthetic summary of the problems of consciousness, free will and the self. Moreover, he will know the solutions proposed by Galen Strawson. In that way a gap in Polish philosophical literature will be filled, which also might give rise to the further research. The final effect of the research, a monograph, will be the first in Poland and – according to my knowledge – in the world proposing a synthesis of Galen Strawson's thought.