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She is said to be the rational soul, according to that of the Psal. [44:11]: “Hearken, O daughter,” freely to the divine discourse, “and see,” your dignity diligently, “and incline your ear,” to obeying God humbly, “and forget your people,” earthly snares are not read among, “and your father's house,” that is, carnal desires totally, because “the king shall greatly desire your beauty,” finally because then he will take you as his spouse eternally, but this daughter sometimes is waylaid through sin by the devil, according to that of Matt. 15[:22]: “My daughter is grievously troubled by the devil.”

But in Scripture there is found a dead daughter, a sick daughter, and a healthy daughter. The first daughter is the soul dead in sins, Matt. 9[:18]: “My daughter is even now dead.” The second daughter is the soul vexed by temptations, Matt. 15[:22]: “My daughter is grievously troubled by the devil.” The third daughter is the soul existing in grace, Psal. [44:11]: “Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear.”