

Mole of Nature

ACT ONE, SCENE 4 Hamlet.

So oft it chances in particular men,
That for some vicious mole of nature in them--
As in their birth wherein they are not guilty,
(Since nature cannot chose his origin)
By the o'er-growth of some complexion
oft breaking down the pales and forts of reason,
Or by some habit that too much o'er-leavens
The form of plausive manners -- that these men
Carrying, I say, the stamp of one defect,
Being nature's livery or fortune's star
His virtues -- else be they as pure as grace,
As infinite as man may undergo --
Shall in the general censure take corruption.
From that fault: The dram of evil
Doth all he noble substance o'er-daub
To his own scandal

Did Shakespeare nail it, or not?

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