

## 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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