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● **EVEN BETTER:** It could soon be possible to predict mental illness in men – based on how their face looks. Men with higher levels of facial symmetry – in which the left and right sides match – were found to be less prone to mental decline between the ages of 79 and 83. Symmetry may reflect stability, with fewer disturbances such as diseases, toxins, malnutrition or harmful genetic mutations, psychologists believe. 'This link could show that facial symmetry can be used as a marker which could predict this decline,' said Dr Lars Penke of Edinburgh University. No such link was found in women.

