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Of the roote of this sevene synns, thanne, is Pride,
the general roote of alle harmes. For of this roote
sprynge certain braunches, as Ire (Wrath), Envy,
Accidie or Slewthe (Sloth), Avarice or Coveitise
(Covetousness), Glotony, and Lechery.

(Chaucer, 'The Parson's Tale', *The Canterbury Tales*, 1340)

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