

Would Epicurus Approve of Money-Lending As An Occupation?

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And what about the third most profitable aspect?

"Raising livestock with little success."

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"Raising crops."

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- from Cicero's "On Duties"



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