

# Sarpi's Lies

Venetian agent Paolo Sarpi (1552-1623) “wrote his doctrine for the proverbial suckers, not for himself,” LaRouche writes.

Sarpi maintained that universals have no existence whatsoever; what do exist are objects perceived by the senses.

His advice: “Do not follow opinion that wears the title of truth, but rather opinion that wears the title of pleasure or usefulness.”

The wise man, according to Sarpi, “recognizes that his efforts at obtaining knowledge always come up against the infinite, and, knowing this is beyond his grasp, he stops and comes to no final decision on any matter, deciding to live according to the day-to-day appearance of things and, in public, support those beliefs which are commonly held. . . .

“The end of man, as of every other living creature, is to live . . . simply live in the here and now.”

