

From The Ultimate Catholic Quiz by Karl Keating (Ignatius Press; Ignatius.com)

Can you correctly answer this question?

Q. In terms of religion, what is a mystery? (a) a story with an unexpected ending; (b) something contrary to reason but not contrary to faith; (c) a religious truth that we cannot know everything about; (d) There are no mysteries in the Catholic faith since everything can be understood from the Catechism; (e) none of the above.

The answer is (c). While a mystery is a religious truth, it is not one about which we can know everything. A mystery is a truth about which we know something because it has been revealed to us by Christ, and concerning which we can draw true inferences and deductions, yet a mystery remains fundamentally beyond what the capacity of the human mind can comprehend fully.