



Mystery

The term *mystery* is used differently in scripture and Church documents than it is in common parlance. Phrases and questions such as “It’s a mystery!”, or “Is this a mystery novel?” suggest notions of unknowing and unknowable, or a puzzle to be solved.

From a faith perspective, mystery refers to “a reality imbued with the hidden presence of God.”¹

One can talk about the mystery of love or the mystery of death in terms of a journey of finding God in all things, love and death included; and this journey never finishes.

A good example is the “mystery” of the trinity. Rather than dismissing this doctrine as incomprehensible, the pursuit to understand God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit reveals layer upon layer of who God really is. One level of understanding leads to another deeper level.

For the seeker of faith, a mystery is not a mystery because it is unknowable, but rather because it is *infinitely knowable*.

¹ McBrien, R. (1994). *Catholicism*. North Blackburn, Vic.: CollinsDove, p.788