

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

Can you correctly answer this question?

Q. Purgatory is (a) a state of natural happiness where souls of unbaptized infants and morally good non-Christians wait until Judgment Day; (b) a state of mild punishment for people who were not bad enough for hell nor good enough for Heaven; (c) a state of purification for people who die in the state of grace but without complete love for God; (d) a temporary state for sincere people as a second chance to avoid hell; (e) the definition of Houston in August; (f) none of the above.

The answer is (c). Purgatory is a state where the last vestiges of self-love are removed so we might enter Heaven (see Revelation 21:27 – “nothing unclean shall enter”).