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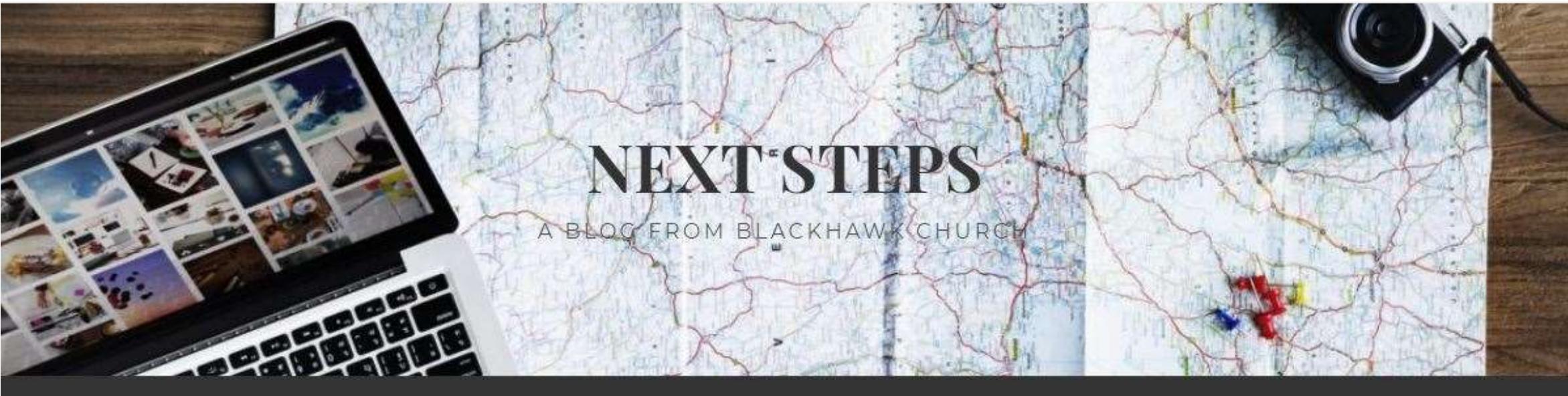
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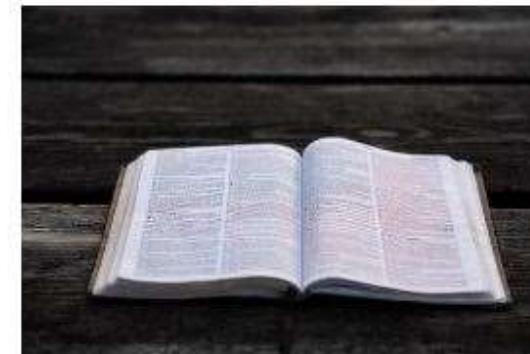
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<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. **No one** comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

<sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in **no one else**, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12



18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you,  
live at peace with **everyone**.

Romans 12:18

7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

Jeremiah 29:7

- Schools like Leopold Elementary & Falk Elementary
- Badger Prairie Needs Network
- One City Early Learning Center
- UW Odyssey Project
- Urban League of Greater Madison
- Community Action Coalition
- Second Harvest Food Bank

Cultural Pluralism ≠ Metaphysical Pluralism

# The “Big Questions”

- Where did we come from?
- What's wrong with the world?
- What's the solution?
- What's the meaning of life?
- What happens when you die?

# Hinduism

- No personal God
- Millions of gods though ultimately they and we are a part of the One (Brahman).
- We will all ultimately be absorbed into the Oneness of the Universe

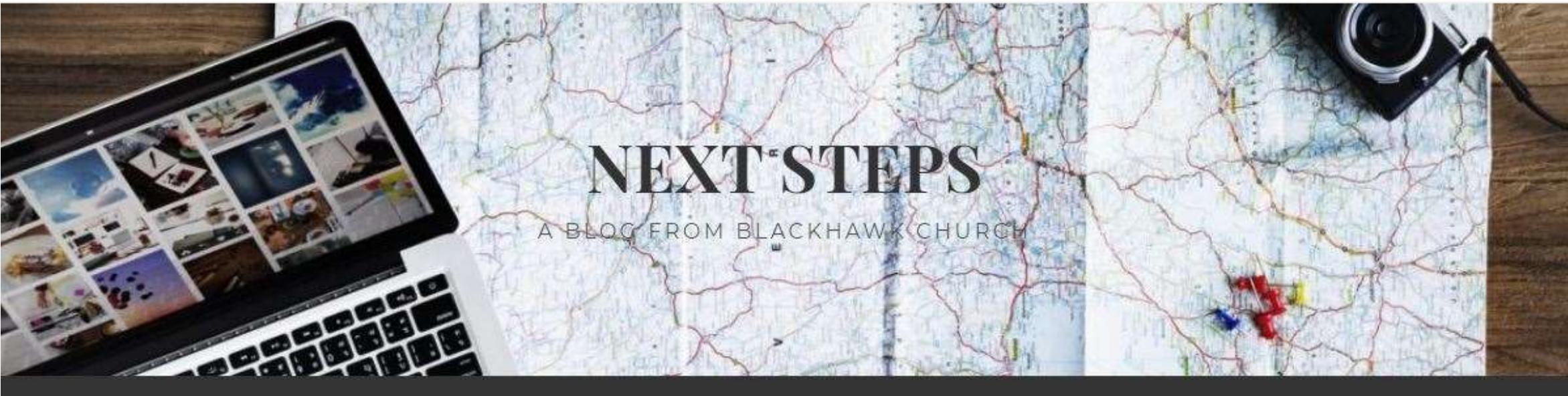
# Buddhism

- Buddha was agnostic about a supreme being
- Desires to do away with human suffering by overcoming human desire

# Islam

- Allah is God and Muhammad is his prophet
- Allah would never condescend to become a human being
- Jesus and Muhammad were both prophets of Allah but Muhammad is the prophet for our age and is more important than Jesus. Jesus was not God.

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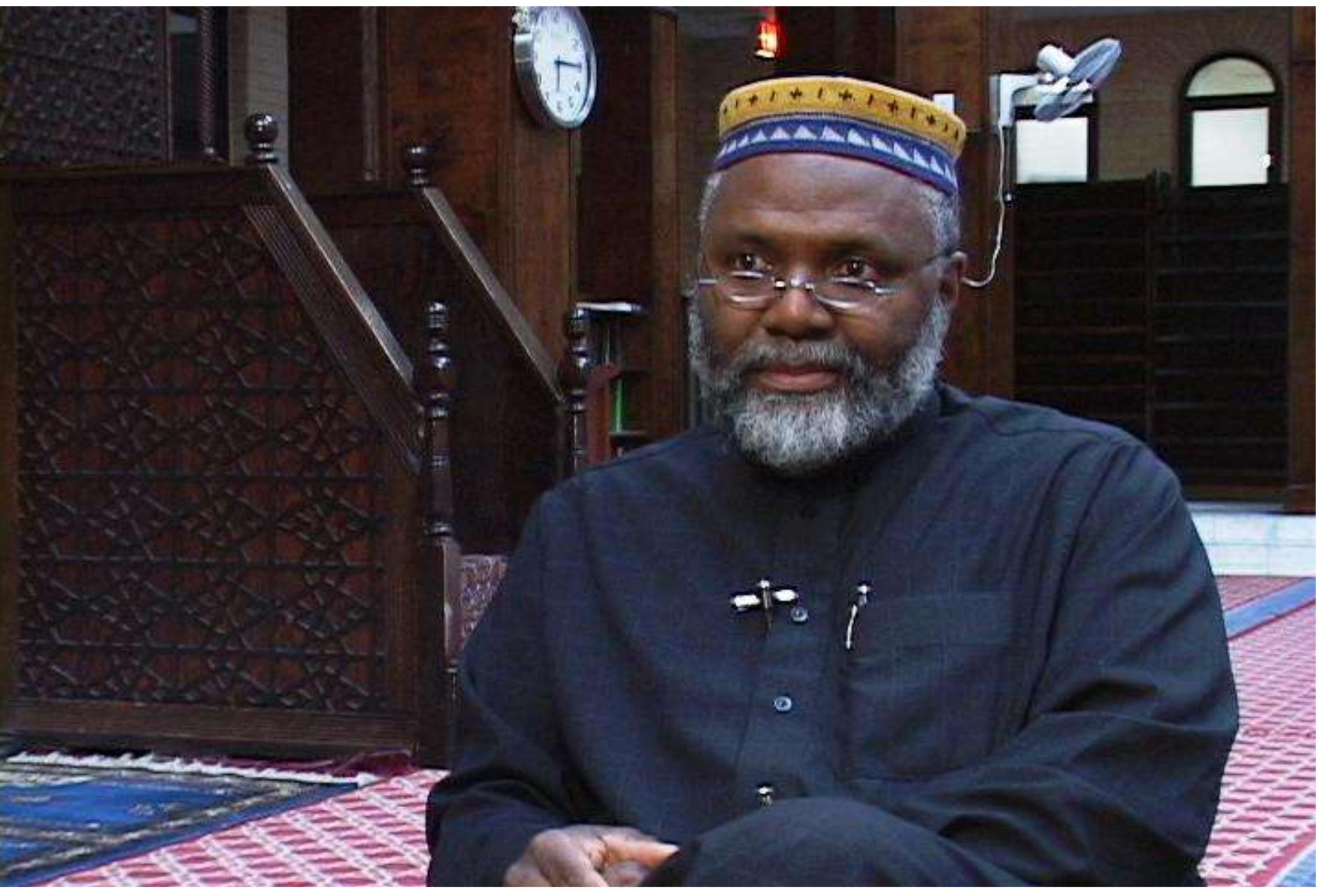


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# Imam Johari Abdul Malik

<sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior,  
<sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a  
knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one  
mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ  
Jesus

1 Timothy 2:3-5

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:16-18

36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.

John 3:36

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John 14:6

12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:12

11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 5:11-12

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

<sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice:  
“Salvation belongs to our God,  
    who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb.”

Revelation 7:9-10