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In her paper, "The Implications of Kierkegaard's Separation of Faith and Reason," Erin Stevens provides the reader with an excellent discussion of the dialogue between Søren Kierkegaard and Robert Adams. The writing is clear and succinct without being trite, something difficult to master when writing about deep philosophical issues like faith and reason. Her short but effective summary of the positions of each of the philosophers' views provides a solid ground for the rest of the paper and gives the reader the opportunity to understand the arguments even without having read the primary material. Not only are her points philosophically sound, but they are also well written. Through her proper use of quotation Erin gives the reader the sense of the philosophers' own voices without overwhelming her own. Erin's essay is a wonderful example of outstanding first-year writing from a discipline that is often muddled with jargon, which her writing gracefully overcomes.

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