

## Remembering the Levels of Evidence

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*My professor: "Level I is more valuable than II, III, or IV."*

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My books say nothing of Level V.  
Thousands of lives into my practice  
I think I get it.  
Level I is a soviet-era housing complex,  
Level V, a shack on the Mississippi in July.  
V is the pilgrim, I the mother country.  
Level I is a papal bull,  
V a letter from a young priest  
to a former parishioner.  
I is pixelated, V chiaroscuro.  
Populations live in I.  
Patients live in V.  
Mr. Jones' amyloid  
deletes his mornings  
but not his description  
of the red surf,  
indifferent gulls,  
the soft sand of Omaha beach.

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