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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