#### Celestial Time Table for October

Oct.	EST		
3	8:34 p.m.	Algol (variable star in Perseus) at minimum brightness	
4	5:17 a.m.	Full moon (Harvest moon)	
11	5:00 a.m.	Moon passes Mars	
12	8:00 a.m.	Moon farthest, distance 251,- 200 miles	
	12:26 p.m.		
15	5:00 p.m.	Mercury farthest east of sun	
- ,	7:49 a.m.		
18		Algol at minimum	
20	7:03 a.m.		
21	1:26 a.m.	Algol at minimum	
23	10:15 p.m.	Algol at minimum	
24	3:00 p.m.	Moon nearest, distance 229,-	
	5:00 p.m.	Moon passes Jupiter	
25	4:00 p.m.	Moon passes Saturn	
26	7:04 p.m.	Algol at minimum	
27	2:34 a.m.	Moon in first quarter	
Subtract one hour for CST, two hours for			
MST, and three for PST.			

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#### Rare Blood Group Found in Australia

➤ A RARE new blood group factor has been discovered in Australia. It was found after an analysis of more than 2,000 blood samples, following discovery that the blood of members of two Brisbane families and a Red Cross blood donor were incompatible.

The Queensland Red Cross blood bank director, Dr. A. E. Shaw, said this was the second time such a discovery had been made. The first rare blood group called "Graydon," was originally found among members of a Melbourne family many years ago. The second blood group has not been named.

"The discoveries are the result of patient investigation over several years," Dr. Shaw said. "They will make the techniques of blood transfusion safer."

The American National Red Cross director of research, Dr. James H. Pert, said the new factor was unknown in the United States as far as he knew.

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