

# Dramatic Clips: The Mystery Bright Spots On Ceres in the Astroid Belt

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NASA's Dawn spacecraft flew by the [dwarf planet Ceres](#) this week. Located between Mars and Jupiter, Ceres is the largest object in the asteroid belt.

Dawn took some [stunning pictures](#). NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory [made](#) an animation from the images:



Then ZLD [zeroed in](#) on the bright spots so we could get a good look:



Scientists are still trying to figure out what's causing the bright spots ... theories being floated are ice, salt, etc.

What do you think the bright spots are: Ice? Salt? Alien disco party? Death Star being powered up?

Update: The new flyby images are making scientists lean towards plain old [water ice](#) (as opposed to nastier frozen substances which have been found on other planets).

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