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Large Magellanic Cloud

This vibrant infrared image from NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope shows the Large Magellanic Cloud, which is not a cloud, but a satellite galaxy to our own Milky Way galaxy. This image reveals nearly one million objects never seen before. Blue represents starlight from older stars. The chaotic, bright regions are filled with hot, massive stars buried in thick blankets of dust. The red clouds contain cooler interstellar gas and dust illuminated by ambient starlight.

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