

## Part II: Understanding Post-Apartheid South Africa



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Taken on the outskirts of the Maboneng precinct, this entire area used to be Jeppes Town but is now being gentrified. Inside of Manoneng, you have Backpacker lodges, fancy food markets, lofts, and art galleries making it an automatic tourist hotspot. It just amazes me that gentrification is happening throughout the world. This photograph is of a woman selling fruit. She engages in this activity everyday while others in the prescient drive BMW's or work as freelancers, or as business owners. It is amazing how displaced one can be in our own land. The other two men are hugging the corner, having a brief conversation with the lady. The extremes between Maboneng and Jeppes town are astonishing. On one side of the street you have Jeppes and right in the middle there is this "NYC" of Johannesburg.

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A family walked past me. The baby watched me the whole time, the only one that paid attention to me. I found it interesting that this small child watched me, looked right at me, while the parents were engaged in a conversation. This supports my theory that babies see. They see what we do not. And them not being able to talk makes them the most observant humans in the world.