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**Synopsis:** Delvoie writes that Afghanistan shouldn’t be approached as a failed nation state, but rather as a confederation of tribes grouped together in an uneasy and volatile amalgam. He calls for a better understanding of the social and moral codes of these tribes, particularly the notion of honour that is prized throughout the country.

Afghanistan, he writes, is primarily a warrior society which is both hospitable as well as brutally vindictive. In addition, he continues, the conflicts of the last quarter century have intensified the level of religious fundamentalism in Afghanistan.

He believes that the best hope for stability in Afghanistan would be a government largely shaped along traditional lines.

-Well, this one seems to be identical to the article from .. published in the last issue of the CMJ… How interesting! What strikes me here (and I relate only on your notes, I did not take the time tonight to go back to the original article) is the infantilism of the Afghans. “Tribes”, “warrior society”, “brutally vindictive”, makes them look more like “primitives”, to quote Blatchford’s expression.