

## Table 6.1 ► Tenets of Pashtunwali

A Pashtun derives honor from practicing the following tenets of Pashtunwali:

To avenge blood.

To fight to the death for a person who has taken refuge with me no matter what his lineage.

To defend to the last any property entrusted to me.

To be hospitable and provide for the safety of the person and property of guests.

To refrain from killing a woman, a Hindu, a minstrel, or a boy not yet circumcised.

To pardon an offense on the intercession of a woman of the offender's lineage, a *sayyid* [Islamic chief], or a *mullah* [Islamic cleric].

To punish all adulterers to the death.

To refrain from killing a man who has entered a mosque or the shrine of a holy man so long as he remains within its precincts; also to spare a man in battle who begs for quarter.