## Great Schools of Dune: The Bene Gesserit and the Spacing Guild

In Frank Herbert's Dune trilogy, the Bene Gesserit and the Spacing Guild are two of the most powerful and influential organizations in the known universe. Both schools have their own unique histories, cultures, and goals. This article will explore the history, organization, and goals of the Bene Gesserit and the Spacing Guild, and discuss their impact on the events of the Dune trilogy.



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#### The Bene Gesserit

The Bene Gesserit is a secretive order of women who have mastered the art of manipulating genetics and human behavior through their mastery of the Bene Gesserit "Other Memory" technique. Bene Gesserit breeding programs seek to create the perfect human being, the Kwisatz Haderach, who will be able to control the universe and bring about a new age of peace.

The Bene Gesserit are a highly disciplined and organized group, with a rigid hierarchy and a strict code of conduct. They are also extremely secretive, and their true goals are known only to a select few. This secretive nature has made them a source of both fear and respect throughout the Imperium.

#### History

The Bene Gesserit were founded on the planet Rossak by an unknown woman known as the Mother Superior. The Mother Superior believed that the human race was in danger of extinction, and that only by manipulating genetics and behavior could humanity be saved.

The Bene Gesserit quickly became one of the most powerful forces in the Imperium. They used their genetic manipulation skills to create a network of agents and supporters throughout the known universe. They also played a major role in the development of the Spacing Guild, which gave them control over all interstellar travel.

#### Organization

The Bene Gesserit are organized into a strict hierarchy. The Mother Superior is the supreme leader of the order, and she is assisted by a council of Reverend Mothers. The Reverend Mothers are the most powerful and influential members of the order, and they are responsible for training the younger members. The Bene Gesserit are divided into several different "Wings," each of which has its own specific function. The Missionaria Protectiva is responsible for spreading the Bene Gesserit religion throughout the Imperium. The Bene Tleilax are responsible for genetic engineering and experimentation. The Suk School is responsible for training warrior-nuns.

#### Goals

The ultimate goal of the Bene Gesserit is to create the Kwisatz Haderach, a male who will be able to control the universe and bring about a new age of peace. The Bene Gesserit believe that the Kwisatz Haderach will be born to a daughter of the Atreides and Harkonnen families, and they have been working for centuries to bring about this union.

#### The Spacing Guild

The Spacing Guild is a powerful organization that controls all interstellar travel in the Imperium. The Guild is made up of Navigators, who are mutants who can "fold space" and travel faster than the speed of light. The Guild uses its monopoly on space travel to charge exorbitant fees for its services, and it has become one of the richest and most powerful organizations in the Imperium.

The Spacing Guild is a highly secretive organization, and its true goals are known only to a select few. However, it is believed that the Guild is working to maintain the status quo in the Imperium and to prevent any one faction from becoming too powerful.

#### History

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ability could be used to travel faster than the speed of light, and they quickly established a monopoly on interstellar travel.

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#### Organization

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The Spacing Guild is divided into several different "Wings," each of which has its own specific function. The Imperial Wing is responsible for providing transportation for the Emperor and his entourage. The Merchant Wing is responsible for providing transportation for commercial goods. The Military Wing is responsible for providing transportation for military forces.

#### Goals

The ultimate goal of the Spacing Guild is to maintain the status quo in the Imperium and to prevent any one faction from becoming too powerful. The Guild believes that interstellar travel is essential for the survival of the Imperium, and it will do everything in its power to protect its monopoly on this vital resource.

#### Impact on the Dune Trilogy

The Bene Gesserit and the Spacing Guild play a major role in the events of the Dune trilogy. The Bene Gesserit are responsible for creating Paul Atreides, the Kwisatz Haderach who will bring about a new age of peace. The Spacing Guild is responsible for transporting Paul and his followers to the planet Arrakis, where he will confront the Harkonnens and begin his journey to becoming the Emperor.

The Bene Gesserit and the Spacing Guild are two of the most powerful and influential organizations in the Dune universe. They have their own unique histories, cultures, and goals, and they play a major role in the events of the Dune trilogy.



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