

## Burgess Ballentine

*'The Hand of God'*

**Blessed Father of Righteousness**

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Type: **Pure Stock Human** EF: **3562** Rank: **13**  
 Caste: **Holy Warrior and Priest** Faction: **Holy Purist Empire**  
 Gender: **Male** Age: **47** Do Math?: **Yes**  
 Read/ Write?: **Yes** Swim Ability: **Fair**  
 Personality: **Impatient, Dogmatic and Cruel** Height: **207cm**  
 Sexual Orientation: **Heterosexual** Weight: **103kg**  
 Handed: **Right** Religion: **Puristalism**  
 Languages Spoken: **English and poor Spanish**

Endurance: **123** /  
 Strength: **106** (+16 dmg/+80% throw range)  
 Agility: **87** (-12 DV/+1.75 meters movement)  
 Accuracy: **104** (+14 SV)  
 Intelligence: **56**  
 Willpower: **108**  
 Perception: **79** (+2 initiative)  
 Appearance: **29**

**Defense Value: -76**  
**Armor Worn:** Dodge skill 5 pts -17/ Heavy Combat Armor -40 and  
 Combat Helmet -7 / Agility -12  
**Movement: 7.5m**

**Initiative: +2 Base Strike Value: 01-92**



Attack Mode	Strike Value	Rate	Range	Damage	Ammo/Uses	Skill Points
Martial Arts	01-109	4	melee	2d6+25 stun	-	7pts
Knife Throwing	01-105	2	18m	d20+23	16/	5pts
Heavy Machine Gun	01-105	5	950m	d20+18	30/ <i>Plus extra magazine with 10+d20 rifle rounds remaining</i>	4pts
Automatic Pistol	01-105	2	250m	d20+6	30/ <i>Plus extra magazine with 20+2d10 pistol rounds remaining</i>	3pts
Battle Axe	01-108	2	melee	d20+30	-	5pts

**Skills:** Knife Thrower 5pts/Stealth 4pts/ Climb 4pts/ Grapple 3pts/ Martial Arts 7pts/ Dodge 5pts (-17 DV)/ Weapon Expert: Machine Guns 4pts Pistols 3pts Axes 5pts

**Valuables:** Purist Religious Jewelry worth 4000+2d1000sp, 2d100gp.  
**Clothing and Equipment:** Sacred robes and head scarf worn over armor. Staff of the Purple Order, Fully loaded pocket pistol sewn into robe's collar. Dart pistol loaded with 6 type D paralysis poison darts, advanced communicator, advanced binoculars, night vision headgear, gasmask, 2d6 advanced frag grenades, substance reader, DNA scanner, Purist Bible, purist holy symbol made from mutant bones, bag of mutant scalps, ears and other body parts from his victims.

**Description:** Equal to the Sainted Mother in status, and having only the Vicar above him in status, Burgess is the head of the Hermilage and all Brothers of the Purple Order. He is also second in line to succeed Horace should anything unfortunate happen to the divine leader. While away at the Capital or front lines for many days each month, Burgess spends the remainder of his time in Hermilage attending to the Brotherhood, but spends little time directly subjecting unwilling converts to the Purist Faith.

As noted on page 190, Burgess is outwardly a devout follower of the current Vicar, Horace the First. Secretly, however, he has his doubts

about the old man and has directed his minions to look into the background and childhood of the Imperial head. The records prove to be scant and misleading. Attempts to learn more about Horace frustrated by the Vicar's own bureaucrats. Furthermore, Burgess is annoyed with his superior for the slow pace of the war against the infidels. The fact that God is on their side in all things should mean that a war on two or more fronts, against more numerous but divinely accursed inferiors, should be feasible, if not an outright show of faith. Worse, his superior is old and weak but still won't drop dead. Month after month the old man survives growing ever more isolated, unapproachable and weird.

Born in the sinner city of Overpass, Burgess has a special hatred for the current rulers of the Northern Freehold, and while the Mutant Supremacists of Aberratia are more feared and hated by the HPE, this man dwells overmuch on the conquest of Overpass, and sends his agents there on frequent missions, often against his superior's wishes.

When forced into battle, this large, fit man dons a white suit of heavy combat armor, straps a laser sword to his waist and totes a heavy machine gun into the fray.

Although Brothers of the Purple Order are sworn to celibacy, he covertly enjoys the company of several uninitiated Nuns of Purity who are brought to him at the insistence of Agathez Gabriella, Sainted Mother of the Convent, herself once his lover.