Arbuda is mentioned as Grāvastut priest at the snake festival described in the Pañcavimsa Brāhmana.¹ He is obviously the same mythical figure as Arbuda Kādraveya, a seer spoken of in the Aitareya² and Kauṣītaki Brāhmanas³ as a maker of Mantras.

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1 xxv. 15. 3 xxix. 1. Cf. Satapatha Brāhmaṇa, xiii. 4, 3, 9.
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Arya.—This word is not common in the older literature, in places where the quantity of the first vowel is fixed as short, except in a mere adjectival sense. Geldner, indeed, contends that no other sense is anywhere needed; but Roth and Zimmer agree in thinking that in several passages of the Vājasaneyi Samhitā the word has the same sense as Ārya, and this appears probable. Whether it is necessary to ascribe this sense to the word in the compound arya-patnī applied to the waters set free by Indra, is more doubtful. The commentator, Mahīdhara, suggests that the word means a Vaisya, not an Ārya generally. This view is supported by the explanation in the Satapatha Brāhmaṇa of one of the passages of the Vājasaneyi Samhitā. But though the use of Arya to denote a Vaisya became common later, it is not clear that it was original.

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1 Vedische Studien, 3, 96.
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7 xiii. 2, 9, 8. Contrast Śānkhāyana Srauta Sūtra, xvi. 4, 4 et seq., where Arya appears to be taken in the wider sense.

⁸ xxiii. 30. Cf. Ludwig, Translation of the Rigveda, 3, 212; Weber, Indische Studien, x. 6; Oldenberg, Rgveda-Noten, 1, 126, 363.

Aryamnah Panthā, 'Aryaman's Way,' an expression which occurs in the Brāhmanas,¹ denotes, according to Weber,² 'the milky way,' but, according to Hillebrandt,³ 'the ecliptic.'

² St. Petersburg Dictionary, s.v.

³ Altindisches Leben, 214, 215.

⁴ xiv. 30; xx. 17; xxiii. 21; xxvi. 2. Cf. also Kāṭhaka Saṃhitā, xxxviii. 5; Taittirīya Saṃhitā, vii. 4, 19, 3. In Atharvaveda, xix. 32, 8, an analogous form occurs, as contrasted with brāhmaṇa, rājanya, and śūdra; but even there Whitney renders it as 'Āryan.' Cf. xix. 62, 1; Rv. viii. 94, 3; Pischel, Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft, 40, 125.

⁵ Rv. vii. 6, 5; x. 43, 8. ⁶ On Vājasaneyi Samhitā, xxiii.

¹ Taittirīya Brāhmaņa, i. 7, 6, 6; Pañcavimsa Brāhmaņa, xxv. 12, 3; Satapatha Brāhmaņa, v. 3, 1, 2.

² Über den Rājasūya, 48, 2.

³ V dische Mythologie, 3, 79, 80.