



GAUB(A)RUVA

GAUB(A)RUVA, Old Persian personal name, spelled *g-u-b-ru-u-v* (DB IV 84 etc.) and reflected in Elamite Kam-bar-ma, Babylonian Gu-ba-ru(-') (DB etc.), Ku-bar-ra (DNc 1), Gu-ba(r)-ri, etc., Aramaic *gwbrw* (not *gwbrwh*, as restored in the past), Greek Gōbrýās, Gōbrýēs, and Latin **Gobryas**. The reading of the Old Persian form cannot be ascertained with reliability, mainly because the Babylonian form suggests an original with *-bar-* and the Greek rendering is just against this. As to the etymological interpretation one has to admit that the second element of the name (the first one obviously being Iran. **gau-* “cow, ox, cattle”) is also rather doubtful. Starting from a reading *Gau-baruva-*, one may compare YAv. *-baoruua-* = Vedic *-bharva-* and translate the entire compound as “eating cattle,” more exactly “chewing cattle” or “having cattle (or beef) for food” (Schindler, p. 339; Schmitt, p. 72; Huyse, pp. 169-70); but a reading *Gau-bruva-* may lead to supposing Iran. **brū-* “eyebrow” or some other possibility (see Werba, pp. 136-138).

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