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over us. And this is only scratching the surface of God's knowledge of us.

God sees everything and seeks our completeness in being who we are, so God must work towards that outcome, in seeing what he set down. I would readily think of God having the picture of the person that each of us can potentially be and for which he created us, and I'd add to that the idea that each person is an intentional creation, unique, purposeful in the whole scheme of God. God is extremely well-equipped in his benevolence.

In aligning with God

It certainly sounds like God has got everything sorted. Indeed He has, and if we put our whole trust in God then our inner life will run well. Physical life is a different thing altogether. Putting our trust in God means believing in God, receiving God's light, love and life, living our life according to God's direction, believing that we are being led by God and that God is always leading us to what is good, and lastly, that we keep turning away from whatever goes against God.

If you look carefully at that set of trust ingredients, you will probably arrive at the one thing that God cannot be for us. He cannot be us! He can be in us, with us, for us, over us, under us and around us, but not be us. He can't be me. I am me. God created me (outside of himself, Swedenborg says) and at that very moment completely enveloped the new me in the love and wisdom of God, I am a being who is not God, but I am experiencing God. This cannot ever change or be modified. It is fundamentally and simply true. I am always on the receiving end of so much, but it is for me to be consciously receptive of God and feel I am receiving and then work my life on that basis. This is a foundational truth with (pause) some other aspects to it too. Think 'clusters' of truth.

My responsibility for myself

The follow-on from being distinct from God means that I become responsible for what I am.