

## Questions related to Becoming a Communist

1. In addition to personal factors, what were the two huge problems in the world that caused some people, especially intellectuals, to become Communists?
2. When was Communism intellectually fashionable?
3. Did personal gain or Marxist theory have much to do with why a person became a Communist? Briefly explain.
4. Describe the abilities and background of many of the most committed Communists.
5. Identify both the economic crisis and the military crisis that swelled the membership rolls of the Communist Party.
6. What did Chambers conclude from his trip to Europe after World War I?
7. According to Chambers (and Lenin), how did Fabian Socialism fall short?
8. According to Lenin, what was necessary for socialism/communism to get and keep power?
9. Explain how Communism was both “the outrage” and “the hope of the world.”