What Does it Mean to "Testify Under Oath?"

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If you have ever given a deposition, either as a witness or as a named party, in any type of legal proceeding, sworn to an affidavit, or testified at a trial or hearing, before you signed the document or before you spoke, you were sworn to "tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help you God", or something to that effect. Although you might think such an oath is more "pro forma" than anything else, it is far from that.